

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

THANKS!

Winner Listing:

CRMU appreciates your business! As a token of our appreciation, each quarter we will have small drawings for our communications customers. Please check the newsletter to see if you are a winner and THANK YOU for your business!

WINNER OF FREE MONTH OF CALLER ID

Joyce McCurdy

WINNER OF FREE MONTH OF HBO

Bill Johnson

WINNER OF FREE MONTH OF CINEMAX

Doug Vaux

Energy Saving Tip



TURN DOWN YOUR THERMOSTAT

Turn your thermostat down several degrees when leaving the house for the day or extended periods of time. One easy way to do this is to purchase a programmable thermostat.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FEBRUARY 17, 2009 SWITCH TO DTV

WHO'S AFFECTED?

If you subscribe to CRMU's cable television service—this switch to DTV should not affect you. Non-CRMU cable television customers who receive over-the-air signals through antennas on television sets with analog tuners will be affected.

WHAT CHANNELS ARE AFFECTED BY THE SWITCH?

The switch to DTV only applies to channels that can be received over-the-air. In Coon Rapids, there are only six channels affected: ABC on Channel 5; FOX on Channel 6; CBS on Channel 8; IPTV on Channel 11; NBC on Channel

13; and WB on Channel 23. All other channels are unaffected by this switch.

DO I NEED TO GET A NEW TV?

No. If you subscribe to CRMU's cable television service nothing should change. Presently, the FCC rules permit CRMU to convert the over-the-air digital signals to analog so that CRMU customers shouldn't have to do anything.

WHY IS THE WORD SHOULD UNDERLINED IN THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS?

The word should is underlined because these are the best responses for the rules that exist today. Also, most of



CRMU's current agreements for the carriage of the over-the-air networks expire at the end of 2008. Until new agreements are negotiated, CRMU can't be assured that networks won't implement additional restrictions.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

To keep updated on the latest information about the switch to DTV, simply call the office at CRMU, or visit the following web sites:

www.dtvanswers.com
www.dtv.gov



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

FCC CPNI "Customer Proprietary Network Information" rules are now in effect. To help us serve you better, when inquiring about your communications account, please have your password ready. If you haven't established a password for your account yet, please contact our office at 999-2225.

Thank You, Annie

NEW RULES

CRMU Holiday Special

Save Over \$100!!

Sign-Up for High Speed Internet
Receive a Free Modem &
Free Installation!

Great Gift Idea!!

Offer Expires 12/31/07. One year service agreement required.





The Big Ten High Definition Network is now on Channel 78.

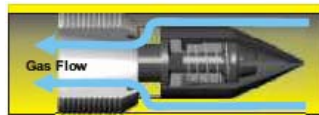
Below is the upcoming schedule for the Iowa Men's Basketball games on the BTN:

12/14/07	Drake	7:05 PM
12/29/07	SE La.	8:05 PM
1/2/08	Indiana	8:05 PM
1/5/08	Wisconsin	11:05 AM
1/9/08	Ohio St.	6:05 PM
1/12/08	Michigan St.	7:35 PM
1/16/08	Purdue	6:05 PM
1/19/08	Michigan	6:05 PM
1/23/08	Indiana	8:05 PM
1/26/08	Penn St.	5:05 PM
1/30/08	Purdue	6:05 PM
2/2/08	Ohio St.	5:05 PM
2/6/08	Wisconsin	8:05 PM
2/19/08	Northwestern	8:05 PM

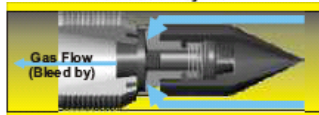
Natural Gas Excess Flow Valves Required

— New Regulation —

Starting in 2008, CRMU will be required to install excess flow valves on all new residential natural gas service installations. Excess flow valves (EFV) provide safety for the natural gas consumer by mechanically stopping the flow of gas when the flow exceeds design limits.



Open Position
Full Cut-a-way view



Closed Position
Full Cut-a-way view

Iowa Generation for Iowans: Sutherland Generating Station Unit 4 Partners Sign Joint Operating Agreement

New Generating Station to Serve Customers Located in 94 of Iowa's 99 Counties



DES MOINES, Iowa—November 28, 2007—North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMECA) announced its intent to become a joint owner in the proposed Sutherland Generating Station Unit 4 (SGS Unit 4) in Marshalltown, Iowa along with Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), an Alliant Energy Company, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) and Corn Belt Power Cooperative (Corn Belt).

Under the terms of the joint operating agreement, the partners will each utilize a share of the 630 megawatt hybrid generating station, with an additional 19 megawatt equivalent steam cogeneration available for use by nearby industries.

SGS Unit 4's design allows the unit to be capable of burning agriculturally related products. The hybrid facility will support Iowa's growing renewable energy economy by utilizing switch grass or corn stalks as fuel, reducing the amount of coal burned at the facility. The super-critical pulverized boiler technology will maximize operating efficiency, resulting in significant reductions in emissions for each megawatt of energy produced.

"Corn Belt Power's member cooperatives

anticipate more than 50 percent increase in demand in the next five years to serve the growing ethanol and soy diesel industries in Iowa. A combination of additional wind generation, energy efficiency measures and baseload power from this highly efficient Sutherland Unit 4 will help us continue to serve our member cooperatives reliably and affordably," says Kenneth Kuyper, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Corn Belt Power Cooperative.

Coon Rapids Municipal Electric Utility is one of twelve member-owners of NIMECA. NIMECA was organized in 1965 to provide the most efficient and economical power available to its consumer-owned members. NIMECA serves as the agent for its members for the coordination of power supply, planning adequate power sources and delivery of such power.

NIMECA is also a member of Corn Belt Power Cooperative. Corn Belt Power Cooperative is a generation and transmission electric cooperative owned by its member systems. Corn Belt Power provides electricity to 11 member distribution electric cooperatives and one municipal electric cooperative—NIMECA.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY CONSUMPTION

- ◆ Set thermostat at 68 degrees during winter heating, 78 degrees during summer cooling.
- ◆ Use a programmable thermostat or manually set back the temperature setting when you are gone or asleep. A rule of thumb—you can save up to 5% on your heating bill by setting your temperature 5 degrees lower for 8 hours.
- ◆ Regularly change your furnace filter.
- ◆ Keep drapes closed to retain heat, unless you benefit by sunlight and solar heat.
- ◆ Consider the SAFE use of portable space heaters. Portable heat can be effective in lowering energy cost, if you can lower the temperature setting for your whole home.
- ◆ Consider adding insulation to your attic. Unless you already have 10 inches or more of insulation, you can probably benefit by adding more.
- ◆ Consider installation of an energy efficient heating system, either a more efficient furnace or a geothermal or air-source heat pump.
- ◆ Don't use your wood-burning fire place unless it is very efficient and designed for heating. Many fireplaces waste energy and rob the room of already heated air.
- ◆ Check and repair all caulking and weather stripping.
- ◆ Operate your water heater at 125 degrees water temperature. A higher water temperature will waste energy.