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A MIDAMERICAN ENERGY NEWSLETTER

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# OUR BIG PLANS TO MEET ENERGY DEMANDS

arlier this year, MidAmerican Energy proposed two new generation projects to help meet growing energy demand. The first, a new solar project, would generate energy during the days and times of year when wind energy is less plentiful. The second project, a natural gas power plant, would provide energy only during critical times of the year when it's needed most.

#### A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SOLAR

The 2025 Solar Reliability Project would complement MidAmerican's vast wind fleet, providing increased energy at times and seasons throughout the year when wind energy may be lower. Like wind, solar energy requires no fuel and helps to keep energy prices low for customers. Planned for six different locations, this solar project is expected to generate enough energy to serve 144,000 typical homes while only requiring 4,800 acres of land to operate – the equivalent of only 0.16% of lowa farm acres. If approved by the lowa Utilities Commission, construction would begin next year and generate energy beginning in 2027.

## **RELIABILITY FOR YEARS TO COME**

Maintaining a diverse energy mix that includes renewables and traditional sources like natural gas is the key to maintaining continuous, reliable power for our customers. That's why we're planning to construct the Orient Energy Center project, a natural gas-fired plant in Adair County. The Orient Energy Center is only expected to operate at peak times when customers need it most.

While policies and priorities are ever-changing, we are always ready to adapt to change and serve our customers, ensuring affordable, reliable energy every single day.





A natural gas power plant in Nevada recently constructed by our sister company, NV Energy

"We're focused on ensuring our customers always have reliable power, no matter what's going on with the weather. We're always looking ahead, planning for decades in the future, to make sure we meet the needs of our customers in the most affordable and sustainable way."

#### **KELCEY BROWN**

president and CEO



# **MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY** MONTH



## STAY PLUGGED IN TO SAFETY WITH THESE TIPS

From overhead to underground, electrical appliances and currents are everywhere. During National Electrical Safety Month - and every other time of the year - we want to help keep you and your household safe from electrical hazards.

### LOOK UP AND LOOK OUT

As the weather warms up, we want you to enjoy your time outside, even if you happen to be near overhead lines. But, if your outdoor activities involve anything that flies or floats, keep these safety tips top of mind:

- Fly airborne objects like drones and kites away from power lines.
  - To prevent damage to your drone and electrical infrastructure, consider using a flight planning app or mapping tool to pinpoint high-voltage flight areas to avoid.
  - Make sure to position yourself at an angle where the wind will blow your kite away from power lines. If a gust of wind pushes your kite near a power line, let go of it!
- **Don't be a hero!** If something gets caught in an overhead line or high-voltage equipment, don't attempt to retrieve it yourself! Call us at 800-799-4443 so we can take care of it safely at no cost to you.

#### BE AWARE DOWN THE STAIRS

The basement is the first place in most houses to accumulate standing water in the event of flooding. And, with water being a natural conductor of electricity, it's important to know how to safely recover from floods and avoid electrical hazards.

- Avoid standing water. Do not enter a flooded home or basement unless you are sure the electricity is shut off. The water may be energized, and you could risk shock.
- ► Turn off your electrical breaker before you move or unplug electronics. If your electricity is not shut off beforehand, floodwaters can present a risk to your safety.
- Call us to have service restored. If your property sustained damage during a flooding event, before service can be restored, an inspection may be required by city, county or state inspectors, or by professional electricians, plumbers or HVAC experts. To have your service restored after repair and inspection, call us at 800-432-0586.

# RENEWABLE **ADVANTAGE 2024 WRAP-UP**

The Renewable Advantage program is available to customers who want to voluntarily contribute to the growth of renewable energy in our service area. At the end of December 2024. MidAmerican's Renewable Advantage program had 449 monthly contributors and 16 one-time or periodic contributors. On average, monthly contributors gave \$3.85, and one-time or periodic contributors gave \$3.51. Thank you to all who contributed!

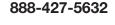
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