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### NPPD Reports Record Usage

With reports of continued high temperatures expected past the Fourth of July holiday, Nebraska Public Power District continues to meet electrical demand from its customers. On Thursday, the utility reached an estimated record peak load of 2,687 megawatts, topping the previous mark of 2,671 megawatts on July 30, 2006.

When temperatures increase, as they have this week, electrical usage and demand increases. As a result, NPPD utilizes its diverse portfolio of generation resources – coal, nuclear, gas, wind and hydro to meet that demand. When necessary, NPPD also purchases power from other utilities to meet customers' needs.

NPPD encourages energy conservation that can help customers' pocketbooks without causing discomfort from the heat. NPPD recommends washing and drying clothes and running the dishwasher during late evening; set their air conditioning thermostat up a few degrees or use a programmable thermostat; decreasing the use of hot water, closing window blinds to shade rooms from direct sunlight; and circulating the air in your home with a ceiling or portable fan.

Additional energy conservation tips can be found at [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com).

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