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NPPD Warns of Scam Attempts

(KLZA)--Nebraska Public Power District officials are keeping a watchful eye on continued attempts by individuals contacting utility customers and businesses demanding that they pay their electric bill or face shutoff within 20 minutes.

On Monday, NPPD reported that the phone scam was occurring in Norfolk and based upon past history, other communities across the state could be targeted within the next few weeks.

The individuals, posing as representatives of the power company, will tell the customer that they are overdue on their electric bill and must pay up within 20 minutes or be disconnected. They are then instructed to purchase pre-paid cards in order to make immediate payment.

NPPD says it doesn't do business this way. The company says if a customer is overdue on their electric bill and subject to disconnection, it will be printed on their monthly bill with instructions on what they can do to settle the account.

Any customers that receive such a call should not attempt to make a payment and contact local law enforcement and NPPD's Centralized Customer Care Center at 1-877-ASK-NPPD (877-275-6773) to report the request.

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