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**(Neb.)-Nebraska Power Utility To Keep 2014 Rates Steady**



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**COLUMBUS, Nebraska (AP) - Nebraska's largest public power utility will not raise electricity rates next year.**

The Nebraska Public Power District voted Friday to keep rates steady going into 2014.

Earlier this year, the utility had said it would likely need a 3.5 percent rate increase. But cost-cutting measures were able to reduce that proposed increase to 2 percent.

NPPD President and CEO Pat Pope said continued efficiencies and a strong financial summer eliminated the need for a rate hike.

NPPD helps serve an estimated 600,000 Nebraskans in 86 counties with retail or wholesale electric power.