

This letter is for the Kearney County Directors of Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Dudley Nelson, Scott Olson, and David Nelson. It is time to stop the merger in its tracks. The Power Review Board has denied the consolidation petition because it failed to conform to statutory requirements and therefore defective. Vote against amending the petition. It is beyond clear that your constituents don't want this. Kearney County and Central have nothing to gain, and everything to lose by merging.

There are no protections for our water in the merger agreement you voted to approve. Who knows what will happen in the future without majority local control. Without an outside source of water, our groundwater levels would be depleted. If you are not voting in the best interest of the water users you represent, whose interests are you voting for?

The Tri-Basin NRD and the Central District Water Users have both passed resolutions opposing the merger because they realize the shift of power that would happen, resulting in people North of the Platte River controlling our water.

The General Manager of Central has sold this to you by telling you that Central is in financial trouble, and you believed you were "saving the company". It has been proven that this is completely false, and Central is in fact in a good financial position. Under oath, the General Manager says the same thing.

Phelps County has the most Central acres and they voted unanimously against merging. Kearney County is second in acres, and we should follow their lead. We have something special in the Tri-County area. Don't give it away!

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