

Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District Board:

With the upcoming vote to continue the merger with Dawson Public Power we have been searching for the benefits for the constituency of Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. The Dawson Public Power's article *Twelve Values of the Merger* states in reason #2 *Vertical Integration*, the merger “**equates to political and industry clout**” and we fear that is the only reason the executives within want this merger. The article lays out the numerous reasons this merger will benefit Dawson Public Power, but Central's website seems to lack such an article. Why? We believe there are no clear benefits to the constituents of CNPPID that you, the Board of Directors, are elected to represent. This same article goes on to say in reason #3 *Water*, “**There's an old saying “whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting.” Water (access to/control of) will be one of the single biggest issues in a matter of 10 years or less. The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District has been a manager/caretaker of the water resources in this footprint since 1934. A merged entity will join the interests of water necessary to generate power, irrigate crops and provide recreational opportunities, which benefits our customers.**” Water is a highly sought after and valuable commodity. Why would the constituents of Central want to give up the local control of this invaluable commodity? As we read through the twelve items listed in the article, we are reminded just how amazing Central is, and how it is something to fight to preserve. What exactly is Dawson Public Power bringing to this merger?

Our Great Grandfather, George P. Kingsley, gave his time, money, and the last 20 years of his life to the formation of what is today Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. His dream was to bring irrigation to the fertile lands of the tri-county basin (Kearney, Phelps, Gosper). Those farms are the heart beat of the communities within, and their sustainability is dependent upon agriculture.

In closing, besides “**political and industry clout**”, how is the merger a benefit to Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation? In a world where individual power and rights are dwindling, why would this board vote to take more away from the farmers and the people of Kearney, Phelps, and Gosper counties? We are asking you to please vote against this merger.

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