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News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) -- The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District has announced that the elevation at Johnson Lake has dropped today (Feb. 15) as a result of additional power generation at the Johnson 1 & 2 hydroplants in an effort to assist with the power shortage across the region.

With the power shortage due to extremely cold temperatures, Central worked with area power providers to develop a plan to assist by generating additional power. For six hours on Monday morning, the Johnson #1 & #2 units generated power and emergency capacity to help cover needs and improve grid stability during this time.

While helping out with the power shortage, the elevation at Johnson Lake lowered more than was planned. This may cause the levels to be low enough that they are affecting bubblers used to keep ice away from the docks. Normal winter lake elevation levels should return in a few days. Central is committed to do its part in helping the power grid during this historically cold time period.

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