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Loup installs electric vehicle charging station

COLUMBUS, Neb. — Loup Power district is proud to announce the installation of an electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the District’s General Office in Columbus.

There are two dedicated parking spots for EV owners who want to “fuel up” while shopping, running errands, or eating out.

Todd Duren, Vice President of Corporate Services, said the charging station was partially funded with a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET).

“The EV charging station has an excellent location due to its proximity to downtown Columbus,” he said. “It’s been exciting to see EV owners from around the area using the station.”

The ChargePoint charging station is networked and can be accessed through the ChargePoint app. The app helps EV owners locate nearby stations and sends notifications when the vehicles are done charging. EV owners also pay for the electricity through the app.

Loup added a plug-in hybrid vehicle (PHEV), the Mitsubishi Outlander, to its fleet last year. The vehicle can go about 25 miles on a full charge before switching to its internal combustion engine.

The District will be purchasing an all-electric vehicle next year. This purchase is also partially funded through a grant from the NET. The only regular maintenance needed for all-electric vehicles is checking the windshield wiper fluid and rotating the tires.

Loup customers are eligible for a \$4,500 incentive when they purchase an EV and install a ChargePoint charging station. Commercial incentives are available for conduit and chargers.

To learn more, visit loup.com or bit.ly/EV-Loup