Some Loveland residents use the Loveland Public Library. Some don’t. Some use the City’s golf courses. Some don’t. It’s the same with many other City services and facilities such as the recreation center, fire inspections, art workshops, bike lanes, the Radio Theater and more.

But there’s one City service everyone uses — every day, every hour — electrical power. Whether you’re working at home, at work or 1,000 miles away on vacation, there’s electrical service being provided and used.

Payments for electricity used by Loveland homes, businesses and other utility cus- tomers are made to the City of Loveland. But while the City provides the electricity through its distribution system, the City is not the source of the power itself.

Almost all of Loveland’s electric- ity comes from Platte River Power Authority (PRPA), a publicly-owned, not-for-profit wholesale electric utility. PRPA is jointly owned by the municipalities of Loveland, Fort Collins, Estes Park and Longmont.

The Rawhide Energy Station, about 3 miles west of I-25, 26 miles north of Fort Col- lins, generates the majority of PRPA’s power. One coal-powered turbine and five gas powered turbines generate electricity, totaling over 700 miles of transmission lines. Ten wind turbines near Medicine Bow, Wyo., and an 18 percent share in the coal-fired Tampa Project near Craig are also generation sources. PRPA is part of the western U.S. power grid. If PRPA has extra power, it sells it to other municipals of Loveland, Fort Collins, Estes Park and Longmont.

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