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# Nebraska utility seeks dismissal of judgment

**United Press International** 

OMAHA — The Nebraska Public Power District is asking an appeals court to throw out or reduce a \$14 million judgment against the utility that resulted from a lawsuit over construction delays and cost over-runs at an NPPD plant.

Jim DeMars, a Lincoln attorney who represented NPPD in the lawsuit, said the appeal was filed with the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in

NPPD had sued National Industrial Constructors Inc. and its parent firm, Austin Industries Inc., both of Dallas, for \$70 million because ofcost overruns and construction delays in the building of NPPD's coalfired Gentleman Station Unit No. 1

The two firms sought \$31 million in a counterclaim against NPPD, contending the overruns and delays occurred because the utility failed to provide blueprint and other materials on time.

In August, after the longest federal court trial in Nebraska history, a jury in Lincoln awarded NPPD a \$12 million judgment against Austin Industries. But the jury also awarded a \$26 million judgment against NPPD, leaving a difference of \$14 million.

In the appeal, DeMars said, NPPD contends some evidence at the trial should not have been introduced under Nebraska law. The appeal also says there was insufficient evidence to support the judgment the

If the appeals panel does not throw out or reduce the judgment against NPPD, DeMars said, the util-

ty probably will seek a new trial.

U.S. District Judge Warren Urbom previously denied post-trial motions that NPPD and Austin Industries had filed in federal court in Lincoln for a new trial. Lincoln for a new trial.

Dave McClung, Austin Industries senior vice president of administra-tion, said Monday his firm also would appeal.

McClung said his firm was satisified with the jury's decision but would appeal to protect its \$26 million judgment.

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EL PASO - A former state of education member said Tuesday cast their ballots forg dates to the now-defund even though they are not run for office.

Wayne Windle, a former board candidate before the was dismantled, said he voted a tee last week and laughed w saw his own name on the ballor

"On page four, printed in black letters under the heading State Board of Education, lo trict,' was my name," he said I'm not running for anything Windle said he voted for

anyway.
Windle was among 27 d
members of the Texas Boards ucation who were unseated t mer when the Texas Legis voted to abandon the elected in favor of a board appointed governor.

Windle and the others wen without a title or office, their awarded to others. El Paso resented by Maria Elena Floo rector of operations with Tech University Medical Sch

According to the Secret State's office in Austin, Winds the others missed by four da deadline for having their name moved from the ballot.

The deadline for making d was Sept. 12. Most of the new

was sept. 12. Most of the news appointments became official Sept. 16.
"It was something out of et one's control," said Ida Stewar secretary of state's legal assistant.
All 27 candidates' names we printed on ballots in every count Texas, she said.
Windle said seeing his name.

Windle said seeing his name the ballot inspired him to we himself. After all, he said, "I

unopposed."

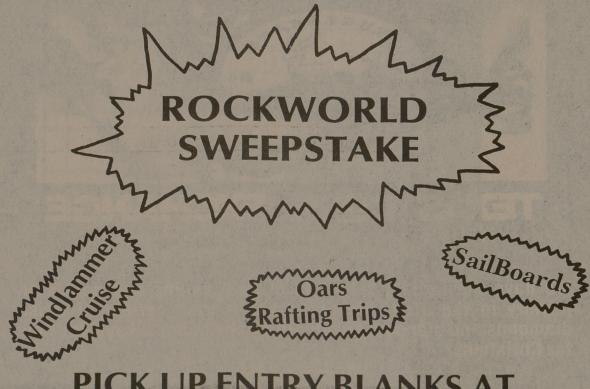
Windle was elected to three year terms on the state board. was among those interviewed

board appointment.
"The funny thing is, even who got rid of the elected boar then involved themselves in the control of the co pointments have all public how pleased they were with the did," Windle said.

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