

# State of the Utility

## Continuing our Journey: 2020 Look Ahead

For over 70 years, OPPD has been where the light starts. We serve more than 846,000 people in 13 counties, making OPPD the 12th largest public power utility in the U.S. While honoring our heritage in public power, we have embraced changes in the energy sector, such as expansion of renewable technologies and a global focus on carbon reduction. **We're proud of our journey and how far we've come, while never losing sight of OPPD's unwavering mission to provide affordable, reliable, and environmentally sensitive energy services to customers.**

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**OPPD**  
Omaha Public Power District

There's a lot to look forward to in 2020, including:

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**Our people are invested in the communities we serve.**

OPPD employees are active members of the communities we serve. In 2019 alone, employees volunteered thousands of hours.



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**We plan ahead for emergency response to ensure resiliency.**

As COVID-19 continues to impact our nation and service territory, and the threat of flooding that we saw last year continues, we're continuously making strategic investments to proactively protect critical infrastructure, our employees and customers. Providing reliable electricity is a responsibility we take very seriously. Electric service is essential to everyday life. We are making sure our system remains reliable and is there for customers whenever they need it.



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**We are making smart investments to safeguard energy system reliability.**

Through efforts like tree trimming, LED street lighting, cable upgrades, and transmission and distribution improvements, our employees are committed to keeping the lights on.

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**We are grateful to have received \$1.2 million in grants to pilot a 1MW battery storage project...**

OPPD's BRIGHT (Battery Research Innovation Guided by High-Potential Technologies) project, funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust, will provide innovative research benefitting all Nebraskans. This pilot will test how battery storage will integrate on OPPD's grid and provide insight on how to scale for future applications.

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**...AND to install 10 total electric charging stations at five sites.**

Electric vehicles, coupled with OPPD's continued effort to increase renewable energy use, provides compounding carbon emissions reduction.



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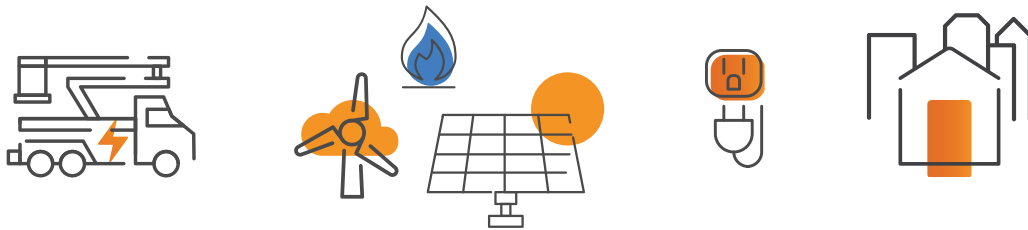
**We are proud partners in regional economic development.**

OPPD’s economic development team partners with communities and the region to attract new business, retain and expand existing business and foster growth. We also support local communities with site development, workforce development and other betterments.

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**...and of our ongoing work on the Pathways to Decarbonization Study in support of our goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.**

Our teams are busy developing an actionable plan that provides a roadmap for achieving this ambitious goal while staying true to our mission.



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**Power with Purpose: We are developing the largest solar project in the Midwest.**

In November 2019, the Board approved OPPD moving forward with the most significant new power generation project in over 10 years, including up to 600 megawatts of solar energy.



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**...and back-up natural gas generation for resiliency.**

Working in harmony with the planned solar generation, natural gas generation will provide needed accredited generation capacity to meet the near-term energy needs of our community.

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**All of this with no rate increase!**

OPPD is proud to offer competitive rates that beat regional and national averages. We’ve continued to invest in our system while honoring our commitment to no general rate increases since 2016 through 2021.



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