



Future Generation Options Final Recommendation Q&A

The recommendation calls for retiring three of the oldest units and retrofitting and then refueling the remaining units. Why not just go ahead and close all five units at North Omaha Station completely?

In our analysis we focused on affordability, reliability and environmental sensitivity. We also wanted to maintain flexibility and fuel diversity for an uncertain future. While we don't retire all North Omaha units, we set a path to accomplish that in the future.

What was the biggest difference between the recommended option and the five that rose to the top by the customers during the stakeholder process?

The recommended option is a hybrid of the yellow and red options that were presented at the Phase 3 moderated public forum, with the exception that we do not build a simple cycle combustion turbine to replace the capacity of retiring North Omaha Station units 1-3. It takes the best of both options to create a low cost hybrid and adds additional megawatts to the demand-side management plan.

How much is all this going to cost?

This hybrid option is only slightly more expensive than if we didn't change our current generation portfolio to adapt to future regulations. It is less expensive than if we choose to meet the Mercury and Air Toxic Standards (MATS) rule with Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI) and Activated Carbon Injection (ACI) at North Omaha and Nebraska City Unit 1.

How do we know the information was not stacked or presented in such a way that it was designed to get a pre-determined answer?

The process has been very transparent. Much of the information that was used in the model was presented to the World Herald.

Why isn't solar part of this recommendation?

We did look into scenarios that contained solar in the portfolio. However, the costs do not make it economically feasible for OPPD at this time. We will continue to monitor and explore potential opportunities in the area of solar.

The recommended option indicated a reduction in personnel. Does this mean job cuts or layoffs?

Since the recommendation won't be implemented until 2016, more analysis needs to be done on the workforce impact. OPPD will work to minimize the impact. OPPD will work with the unions to ensure that we comply with collective bargaining agreements.