

# Contactor

Information for electrical contractors, architects and consulting engineers



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## **New Guidelines and Incentive Programs for 2009**

### **Underground Dips: New Guidelines**

In the past OPPD guidance on duct installation for underground dips (burial of overhead lines from OPPD pole to house) restricted duct installation to no more than two 90-degree bends: one at the meter location and one at the OPPD pole or pedestal.

This guideline is being revised to allow an additional 45-degree sweep near the midpoint of the installation. All projects require a meeting with an Electrical Service Designer (ESD) prior to duct installation.

The ESD will provide site-specific guidelines and OPPD costs, and will approve duct and jet-line installation. Services of more than 100 feet will require ESD analysis to determine feasibility.

### **New Meter Specification Manuals**

New meter specifications manuals are being delivered to local electrical contractors this month. The manuals were revised in January 2009, so please review your manuals carefully for changes. You can print additional copies by going to OPPD's website at:

[www.oppd.com/ContractorsDevelopers/CustomerService/MeterSpecificationManual](http://www.oppd.com/ContractorsDevelopers/CustomerService/MeterSpecificationManual)

### **Lighting Incentive Pilot Program**

OPPD now offers incentives to our commercial and industrial customers for replacing/retrofitting their current lighting systems with new, energy-efficient ones. Incentives range from \$0.50 to \$65 per fixture, which can reduce payback periods.

Customers work through an OPPD Trade Ally to submit the proper paperwork for project approval. For more information, go to [www.oppd.com/businesscustomers](http://www.oppd.com/businesscustomers) and click on "Lighting Incentive Program."