

**OPPD's blend of innovative rates, comprehensive renewables, and some of the nation's best reliability make it just right for businesses.**



 **RENEWABLES**

 **RELATIONSHIPS**

 **RELIABILITY**

**40%**  
Renewable  
in 2020

Nearly 1000 MW of wind power in 2019

**2050**  
Goal of net zero  
carbon production

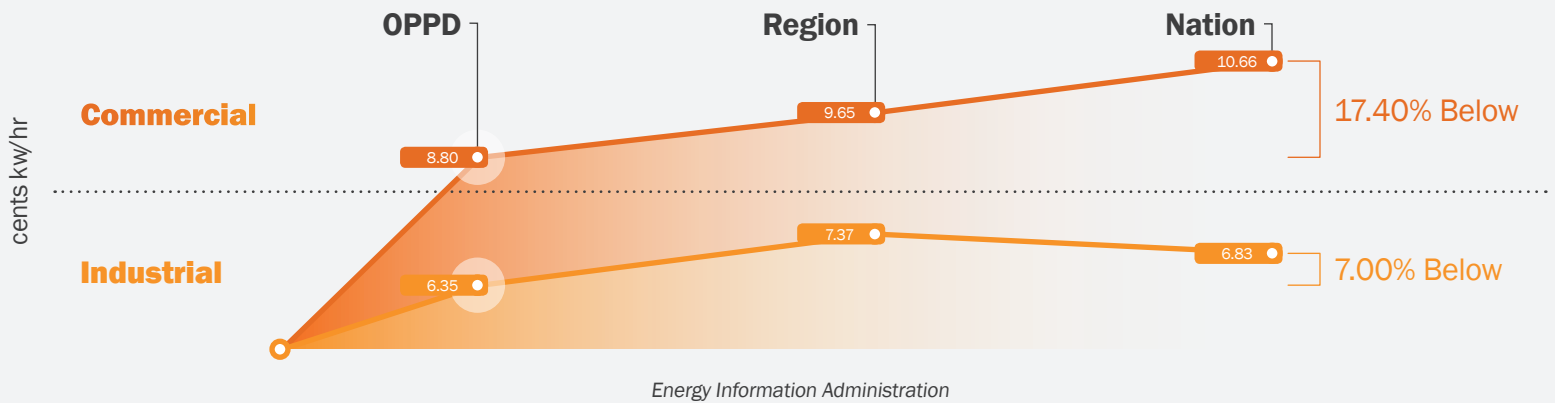
**TOP TEN**  
Utility for economic  
development in 2019

Recognized by *Site Selection Magazine*

**99.98%**  
Reliability for  
over 14 years\*

Outpacing the average<sup>1</sup> reported by the American Public Power Association

**OPPD RATES ARE FAR BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE:**



**RATE 261M**

**OPPD established an innovative rate to help customers meet renewable energy goals and provide a plan for future energy concerns.**

Customer provides a minimum of 20MW of new load at 161 kV or at least 200 MW of new load at 345kV service each month. Consumer owns its electric substation. Market rate pricing.

<sup>1</sup>Time percentage of system's availability, as measured by the Average Service Availability Index. <sup>1</sup>99.98%

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Data Centers



Food Processing



Manufacturing



Biotech

## INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

There are a variety of programs and resources available to assist with business innovation. State programs include:

- Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Credit: offers a refundable tax credit
- Nebraska Prototype Grant Program and Seed Investment Program: provides financial assistance to support introduction of a prototype or process to the market, commercialization of products or processes
- Nebraska SBIR/STTR: provides financial assistance to businesses applying to federal SBIR/STTR program
- Workforce training: OPPD provides assistance in connecting businesses with resources and tools to create a skilled workforce. The variety of programs include:
  - Customized Job Training: a flexible and discretionary job training program with grants from \$800-\$4,000+/per qualified new job
  - InternNE: up to \$7,500 per internship



## READY, AVAILABLE SITES

OPPD works with local and state economic development partners to identify and develop ready sites. Funding sources are available to assist businesses with sites and infrastructure, including, among other local sources:

- Site and Building Development Fund
- Community Development Block Grant and other local sources

Available property listings here: [oppd.com/econdev](http://oppd.com/econdev)

## ImagiNE Nebraska Act

The imagine Nebraska Act is a comprehensive economic development incentive package that meets the needs of businesses expanding or relocating to Nebraska. The incentive package provides 4-7% investment credits, 4-9% wage credits and direct sales/use tax refunds to qualified businesses, based on job creation and investment levels. For more detailed information go to [imagine.nebraska.gov](http://imagine.nebraska.gov)

Tax credits may be used against tax liability, or to receive a refund or reimbursement for expenses incurred.

- NE income tax
- Sales & use tax
- Withholding for new employees (wage credits only)
- Loan repayment through the ImagiNE Revolving Loan Program
- Recruitment/retention of employees
- Job training
- Child care expenses

### Sales tax exemption on:

- Manufacturing equipment
- Manufacturing or processing raw materials
- Common carrier vehicles
- Utilities used in manufacturing
- No intangibles tax
- No inventory tax
- Sales tax refund on pollution-control equipment
- 100% tax exemption on certain personal property

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