



What is Rate 261M?

OPPDD's Board of Directors unanimously approved Rate 261M in January 2017. This rate is an extension of Rate 261 for large-power, high-voltage-transmission-level customers, and is a unique and powerful example of how OPPDD works to meet their needs, particularly those who seek more renewable energy.

Rate 261M gives customers flexibility in how they meet their energy goals, while charging fair and reasonable rates that cover OPPDD's fixed costs, including generation and system capacity, transmission and administration.

The rate was the result of hard work across a number of areas within OPPDD. The team carefully evaluated existing rates to see where slight modifications could be made to accommodate the demands of new and existing customers' desires for large-scale renewables.

Rate 261M is an example of the agility of the public power model when it comes to finding solutions for customers, while bringing economic development benefits to the area.

Here's how it works:

- To qualify for Rate 261M, a customer must be large enough to meet certain criteria, such as requiring a minimum 20 megawatts (MW) of demand for 161-kilovolt (kV) service and 200 MW of demand for 345-kV service. A ramp-up period of 18 months is allowed before that minimum usage requirement kicks in.
- The customer must own or acquire their own substation.
- Energy is priced hourly at the Southwest Power Pool market price. A customer's renewable project is also based on SPP marketing pricing, creating a pricing hedge.
- OPPDD provides retail service to the customer, including generation and system capacity, transmission and administration.

Potential new customers who want to learn more should contact **Tim O'Brien**, manager- Economic Development, trobrien@oppd.com or call 402-636-3731. Current OPPDD customers should contact their account manager.

