

Thermostat Program offers energy and money savings

OPPD's Thermostat Program is a new way for you to help reduce demand for electricity when such reductions are most needed.

You will receive a one-time \$100 bill credit when you enroll and a \$20 OPPD credit each year you participate.

The program currently is available only for Nest thermostat™ owners who sign up for Nest Rush Hour Rewards.

You can learn more or enroll at nest.com/oppd. By signing up, you agree to allow OPPD and Nest to manage your Nest thermostat™ during Rush Hour events.

Rush Hour events are limited

There may be up to 15 such events a year, from May through October. Each event will last for up to four hours and take place sometime between noon and 9 p.m.

Customers typically will be given a two-hour notice before an event through the thermostat or the Nest app, though in rare critical Rush Hour events, there might be a 10-minute advance notice.

Nest will pre-cool participants' homes, and then adjust the air conditioning to lower usage during the Rush Hour period.

You maintain control

Participants are always in control. If it ever gets too warm, you can adjust the temperature at any time.

There will be no Rush Hour events on weekends or holidays, and no more than three per week.

OPPD is evaluating other brands of smart, Wi-Fi-enabled thermostats for inclusion in this program.

OPPD's Thermostat Program is part of the district's Power Forward solutions, a portfolio of demand-side-management programs.



FEBRUARY BOARD MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m., Energy Plaza, 444 S. 16th St., Omaha. **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m., same location. Hearing-impaired may call 402-636-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Both meetings will be livestreamed online at oppd.com

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OUR MISSION

Provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services to our customers.



No 2018 rate increase

In keeping with OPPD's commitment to competitive rates, the utility's 2018 Corporate Operating Plan contains no general rate increase for the second consecutive year.

Due in part to agreements for increased fuel and wind energy purchases, the plan includes a minor increase in the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment in 2018, which helps OPPD offset increases in fuel and purchased power prices.



OPPD shaping future staffing through Legacy program

Through the Legacy I³ program, 18 area high school students are learning about the energy industry and careers at OPPD.

Legacy started in Phoenix to attract, train and retain local, diverse talent. This appeals to OPPD, which was instrumental in bringing the program to Omaha.

The Legacy model calls on employers to provide internships and jobs, along with mentoring and hands-on involvement from employee ambassadors.

Students and ambassadors meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and take part in events on Saturday mornings. A number of other organizations and groups also help support the students, including local government, schools and service organizations.

In January, the students will transition away from working with Legacy staff to working more closely with OPPD ambassadors. This will enable them to learn more about actual jobs at the utility.

They will graduate from Legacy in May and then enroll in local colleges or universities and start their internships with OPPD. Legacy is one way OPPD employees are living out one of the utility's core values of honoring the community. See more at opdthewire.com.



You are invited to take part in the 11th annual Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth, OPPD's largest fundraising event for the Energy Assistance Program. The dollars raised go directly to people who need help with energy-related expenses.

This family-friendly event takes place Saturday morning, March 3, at Werner Park, 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion.

Early-bird pricing runs through Jan. 31. Kids under 12 walk for free, but must register. For more information, to sign up or volunteer to help with the event, visit heatthestreetsomaha.org.

Check-in starts at 7 a.m. The 5k run starts at 9 a.m., with the walk immediately to follow.

If you cannot attend, you can still support the cause by visiting heatthestreetsomaha.org, clicking on Register, entering an individual or team name and signing up as a virtual participant for \$15.

You also can support the Energy Assistance Program by making a one-time or monthly pledge on your OPPD bill.

Heat the Streets has raised approximately \$934,500 over the years through sponsorships and registration fees.

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