

Nation's most reliable energy? Nebraska has it.



OPPD and Nebraska's other public power providers play a big part in attracting companies, and jobs, to the state.

One of the biggest draws is the state's reputation for providing reliable power, and a recent report backs that up.

According to data released in April by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Nebraska's 2016 average electricity customer outage duration was the nation's lowest.

Excluding major events, that duration was 27 minutes. The nation's highest average was West Virginia, at six hours.

When including major events, such as hurricanes, snowstorms and other natural disasters,

Nebraska's duration was still the lowest in the nation.

Electric reliability typically is measured by the duration and frequency of outages: System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) and System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI). OPPD consistently ranks among the nation's top quartile for SAIDI.

OPPD has several programs aimed at keeping its electric system reliable, including a tree-trimming program, Transmission and Distribution Improvement Program and Ground Line Inspection and Treatment program.

Other recent measures that have helped maintain high reliability

are the Midwest Transmission Project and the upcoming Elkhorn River Valley and Sarpy transmission projects.

OPPD also is finishing a rebuild of a stretch of transmission line destroyed by last June's storm.

That rebuilt line will be more resilient and provide greater capacity.

For more on the efforts mentioned above, visit oppdthewire.com.

HVAC Smart offers rebates

Through HVAC Smart, OPPD offers rebates to customers who buy qualifying high-efficiency air-conditioning or heat pump systems.

As shown above, the rebate is based on a heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system's Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER).

The customer's heating and cooling contractor submits the

| Residential SEER Requirement | AC/Heat Pump Rebate (per unit) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SEER 15+ | \$250 |
| SEER 16+* | \$350 |
| EER 10+ (single package units) | \$100 |

*Includes geothermal units
1/2 rebate paid for units less than 2 tons

rebate application to OPPD. Limited funds are available. For more details on how to qualify, visit oppd.com/residential.

JUNE BOARD MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday, June 5, 8:30 a.m., Energy Plaza, 444 S. 16th St., Omaha. **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, June 7, 4 p.m., same location. Hearing-impaired may call 402-636-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Meetings are livestreamed online at oppd.com.

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TYPES OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

YELLOW: Natural gas, oil, steam, petroleum or other gaseous materials

BLUE: Potable water

GREEN: Sewer and drain lines

ORANGE: Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit

RED: Electric power lines, cables, conduit, lighting cables

Utilities are color-coded for easy identification, matching the flags that mark their location.

Can You Dig It?

There may be more than worms under your lawn. Before you stick that spade in the sod, know the requirements for marking underground utilities. It's pretty easy, and **it's the law.**

BEFORE YOU DIG, YOU MUST:

- Notify **Nebraska811** at least two, but not more than 10, business days prior.
- Ensure the accuracy of all information on the request. You can mark the dig area with white paint or flags to help utilities save time when marking their equipment.
- Contact any utilities not notified by Nebraska811. Call 866-711-7281 to report any utilities that are not registered with Nebraska811.
- Ensure all utilities have responded. Call Nebraska811 if utilities have not responded or marked their equipment by your requested start date/time.

Once all utilities have responded, you are free to dig.

WHAT IS NEBRASKA 811?

A statewide one-call notification center linking people who want to excavate or dig and underground facility owners and operators.

IN NEBRASKA:

Call **811** or visit www.ne1call.com. The ITIC mobile app is also available, which uses GPS to help you mark the dig area.



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