



# PLUG IN TO OPPD'S EV INCENTIVES

## With the electric vehicle market poised for growth, OPPD is making it easier to buy an EV

With interest growing in electric vehicles (EVs), OPPD is helping customers make the switch to an EV.

At OPPD's May board of directors meeting, members of OPPD's Integrated Energy Marketplace team presented its latest EV research and plans for a pilot program that started in June.

The pilot connects customers to financial incentives available for the purchase of certain EVs, as well as certain EV chargers, among other areas. (See box.)

The district has been studying EVs to better understand how they may integrate into OPPD's system as adoption increases.

The team's research shows there are only about 600 EVs registered in the state of Nebraska, with about half of those located within OPPD's 13-county service territory.

However, with improving technology and increased availability, the EV market is poised for growth.

"We have been following developments closely and working to learn all that we can about the technology, as well as customer trends and preferences, and the potential impact increased usage would have on the utility," said Heather Siebken, director of Product Development & Marketing for OPPD.

In recent years, the utility has incorporated nearly 50 EVs and hybrids into its vehicle fleet, along with several EV chargers, and continuously evaluates their performance on a number of levels.

The OPPD team will evaluate adding more EVs to OPPD's fleet, when it makes sense to do so.

Throughout the pilot and beyond, OPPD will track and monitor impacts to its distribution system for use in grid planning.

Additionally, the district plans to install an electric vehicle charger for public use outside of its Energy Plaza headquarters at 444 S. 16th St. in downtown Omaha.



### EV pilot program details

OPPD is distributing two rebates to its customers:

- **\$500 rebate** to customers who buy a ChargePoint Home™ EV charger for their home.
  - **\$4,500 rebate** for those who buy any EV and register it in Douglas County, Neb. The customer also must buy a ChargePoint Home™ charger as described above.
- OPPD also is helping educate customers on financial incentives available when they purchase a new EV. These include:
- **\$3,000** toward the purchase of a new Nissan Leaf.®
  - **\$2,500 to \$7,500 federal tax credit**, depending on the manufacturer.

For more information and to apply for the rebates, visit [oppd.com/evrebates](http://oppd.com/evrebates).

## AUGUST BOARD MEETINGS

**Committee:** Tuesday, August 14, 8:30 a.m., Energy Plaza, 444 S. 16th St., Omaha. **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, August 16, 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](http://oppd.com).

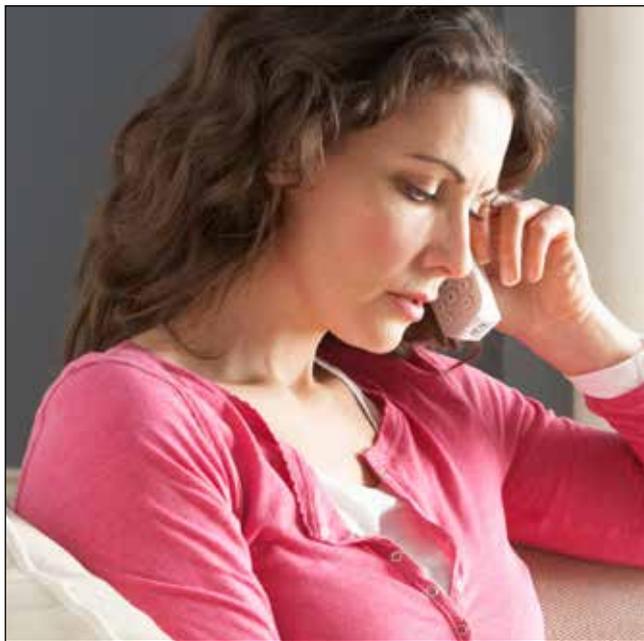
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Provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services to our customers.



# Alert: utility scam call reports picking up, again



OPPD is seeing another uptick in scam phone call reports from our customers.

The district received more than 50 reports of scam calls from people over a period of several days in June.

The scammers may even use "spoofing" technology so that caller identification appears to show a legitimate OPPD phone number.

They aggressively insist customers pay allegedly overdue

bills or pay for equipment that supposedly needs to be replaced.

The con artists demand numbers from a payment card of some sort, usually telling customers to purchase a Green Dot payment card from a nearby store. They threaten to disconnect service if customers do not pay quickly.

In a couple of recent reports, scammers have accepted credit or debit card numbers for payment.

That is unusual and may or may not be tied to the efforts to get customers to purchase payment cards.

Sadly, scammers have been targeting utility customers across the country for years. It tends to peak several times a year.

The latest round of calls has been targeting both residential and business customers. OPPD stresses that these people demanding payments or financial information **do not** work for the utility.

If you receive such a call, please contact OPPD Customer Service at the numbers listed at right.

OPPD advises customers:

- Never provide personal or financial information during an unsolicited phone call.
- Note the phone number that appears on your caller ID. This may help investigators.
- If someone appears unannounced at your door, claiming to work for OPPD, do not let them in. Always ask for

identification. OPPD employees always carry their ID. You know something is wrong if the person fails to produce identification.

- If a stranger asks, never turn off security systems, for any reason. Call law enforcement immediately.

If you have questions about your account, please call OPPD Customer Service at 402-536-4131 in the Omaha metro or 1-877-536-4131 elsewhere.



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