### Monitoring Report SD-4: Reliability

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### **SD-4: Reliability**

Generation and delivery systems must perform at a high level to provide reliable service to customerowners. The Energy Delivery, Energy Production and Marketing, and Nuclear Business Units of OPPD contribute to reliable electric service to customer-owners.

- OPPD shall assure all customer energy requirements are met through the use of its generation resources and purchase power portfolio 100 percent of the time.
- OPPD shall achieve generation reliability by:
  - Maintaining baseload unit equivalent availability factor at or above 90% on a three-year rolling average; and
  - Maintaining unit availability above benchmark levels per industry measures such as the NERC GADS.
- OPPD shall achieve electric system reliability by:
  - Limiting the SAIDI to 90 minutes. This is the average outage duration per customer per year excluding declared major storms; and
  - Maintaining a reliable transmission and distribution system. This will be achieved through performing the necessary maintenance and upgrades in accordance with NERC standards.



# OPPD shall assure all customer requirements are met through the use of its generation resources and purchase power portfolio 100 percent of the time

- Resource planning assessments allow us to diligently plan for sufficient generation capacity/reliability in the future
- As required, OPPD plans for accredited generation resources that are 112% of expected peak load
- As necessary, transmission 'reservations' are in place to ensure firm delivery of electricity creating 'right of way' for electricity to get to OPPD load from OPPD resources
- The SPP integrated market provides OPPD with real time access to liquid power markets
- Generation (both owned and purchased) supply requirements met 100% of the time





# **Generation Reliability Benchmarks**

#### FERC

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) through the Energy Policy Act of 2005 established NERC as the "electric reliability organization" responsible for the reliability of the bulk power system

### NERC

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is a not-for-profit regulatory authority whose mission is to assure the reliability of the bulk power system in North America. NERC subject to oversight by FERC and some Canadian regulating authorities.

### GADS

The Generating Availability Data System (GADS) tracks reliability information from stations throughout the United States. As of January 1, 2013, GADS became a mandatory industry program for conventional generating units that are 20 MW and larger



# **Generation Reliability Metric**

Equivalent Availability Factor (EAF):

- Percentage of time a unit was available to generate over a total period of time. Outages and derates impact this factor.
- When a unit is available and capable of generating at full load for an entire month, then its monthly EAF would be 100%.
- OPPD's corporate EAF is megawatt weighted.
  Goals are established on a 12-month basis in support of the corporate 3-year target to normalize outages across the fleet.

 Target based on top quartile NERC/GADS benchmarking.





# **2019 Generation Performance**

OPPD establishes a long term goal to achieve generation reliability by maintaining baseload unit equivalent availability factor at or above 90% on a three-year rolling average.

2019 year end was 87.0%

90% EAF represents top quartile of industry peers.





### **Generation Reliability Drivers**





# **Generation Reliability Programs**

- Business Unit structure is focusing on reliability and aligning with Corporate Asset Management strategy
  - Systems and Programs Engineering Approach
  - Developing critical equipment list
  - Predictive maintenance program
  - Failure Analysis and Corrective-action Team (FACT) to address boiler reliability
  - Process Improvement Coordinators investigate apparent cause for various issues
- Outage Inspections
  - Nondestructive examinations on turbine and high energy piping
  - Boiler and critical equipment inspections
- Capital Projects
  - Evaluated and proposed based upon potential reliability impact



Engineer monitors vibrations on a generator exciter at North Omaha



Nondestructive testing of turbine diaphragms at Nebraska City



### **Reliability Implementation – Improved Boiler Performance**



NC1 finishing superheat replacement



NC1 main steam header replacement





NC1 furnace slope replacement project



# **System Reliability Metric**

**OPPD shall achieve electric system reliability by:** 

Limiting SAIDI to 90 minutes. This is the average outage duration per customer per year excluding declared major storms.

- SAIDI: System Average Interruption Duration Index
- A SAIDI of 90 minutes = 99.98% availability which will typically be first quartile
- Nationally recognized standard for measuring reliability





### **System Reliability Metric: SAIDI**

### SAIDI at the end of 2019 was 88.6 minutes

- The 90 minute threshold was exceeded in 2018 but in 2019 has trended towards target as we increased Vegetation Management and asset replacement activities
- OPPD SAIDI is reported as a 3-year rolling average to smooth out year to year volatility



### **System Performance Drivers**

#### 2019 Outage Causes Excluding Major Events:

•	Tree Events: 24%	•	Cable Failure: 17%
•	Equipment Failures: 27%	•	All Other Causes (wildlife, public
•	Weather Events: 14%		intervention, etc): 18%

2015-2019 Top Outage Minute Causes (Excluding Major Event Days)



# **Equipment Outage Minutes**





\*Does not include Major Event Days

### **Reliability Improvement Programs**



- A more aggressive Vegetation Management program was launched in 2019 with increased funding
- TDIP funding focus
  - Underground cable replacement
  - Wood poles evaluation and replacement
  - Downtown Network upgrades
  - Overhead conductor
- Power quality programs focus on addressing pocketed areas needing attention
- System Planning & Expansion continues to add new facilities to strengthen reliability



### **Vegetation Management**

















# **Smart Technology**

- Northeast Omaha Distribution Automation
  - Real-time communication and control
  - System visualization
  - Self healing technology
  - Reduction of outage hours



- 2020 testing of smart reclosers in the northwest rural portion of the service territory
  - Targeting circuits that have experienced recent reliability challenges
  - Data will help identify outage locations faster for quicker response
  - Long circuits can be sectionalized



### **Reliability Focus Circuits 2019-2020**

#### North Bend

- Distribution circuit proactive maintenance
- Smart line device additions

#### • Near Colon

Conductor replacement including some overhead to underground conversion

#### Mead/Yutan Area

- Adding air flow spoilers to limit galloping
- Smart line device additions

#### Wahoo Area

Rerouting conductors for enhanced reliability outside of Wahoo substation

#### SE Nebraska / Rulo Area

- Creating a new 12 mile circuit tie from Preston to Rulo, NE
- Distribution circuit preventative maintenance

#### Miracle Hills Area

- Replacing cable
- Rebuilding overhead to underground terminations
- Harry Andersen Dr /Millard Area
  - Created new tie and diversified large customer load to two different circuits

#### Downtown Omaha

Replace underground equipment to allow for more flexibility

#### Pepperwood (Omaha)

Replace underground cable



# Recommendation

The System Management and Nuclear Oversight Committee has reviewed and accepted this Monitoring Report for SD-4 and recommends that the Board find OPPD to be sufficiently in compliance with Board Policy SD-4.

