

# Power with Purpose Open Session October 2020 Update

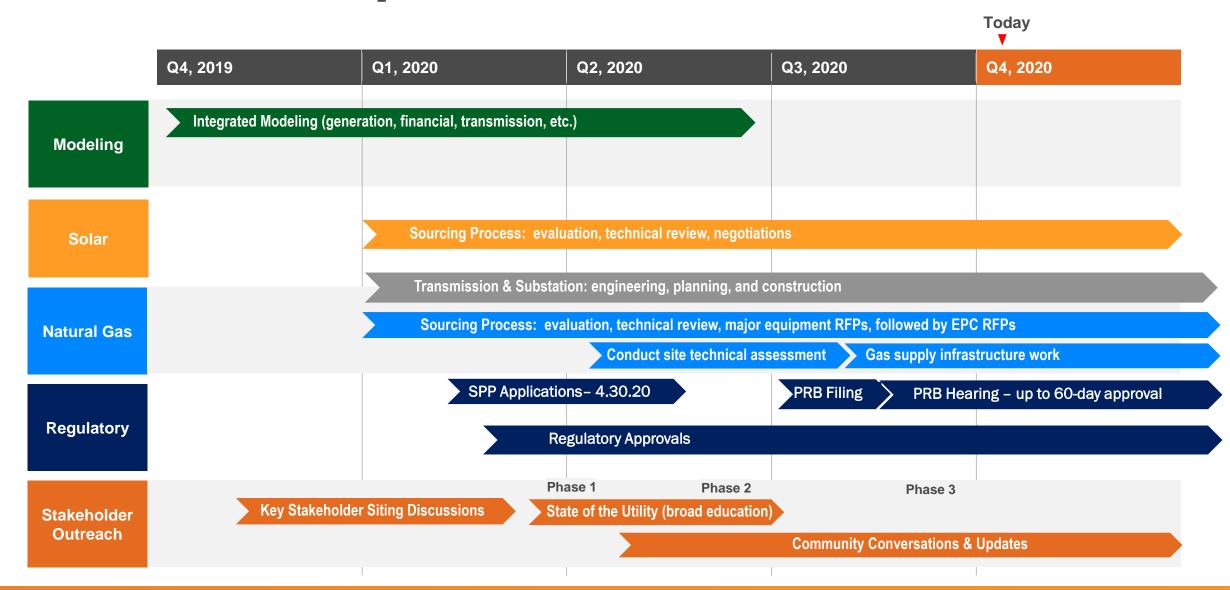
October 13, 2020

### Agenda

- Power with Purpose Where We Are
- Solar Generation Update
- Gas Generation Update
- Community Stakeholder Outreach Update



### Power with Purpose - Where We Are







### **Solar Generation Update**



### Why is solar "lagging" behind in the PwP project?

- Solar is actually ahead of gas, not lagging behind
- Solar projects are sited years in advance
- Renewable developers have site ready attributes developed:
  - Generator Interconnection Agreements (GIA) through Southwest Power Pool
  - Land leases
  - Local governmental meetings and applications
- Renewable developers respond to Request For Proposals (RFPs) with these site ready projects
- Once the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) contracts are signed, announcements will occur
- Gas projects have recently completed siting and are just beginning to issue RFPs to source equipment



### **Solar Sourcing Recap**

- OPPD's intent is to meet the 400-600MW of accredited solar capacity and required in service dates per the board resolution
- First utility-scale solar sourcing for OPPD and Nebraska
  - Utility-scale solar is a new consideration for many counties in Nebraska
- Complex sourcing process to meet OPPD's unique Power with Purpose accreditation, and resiliency and reliability needs

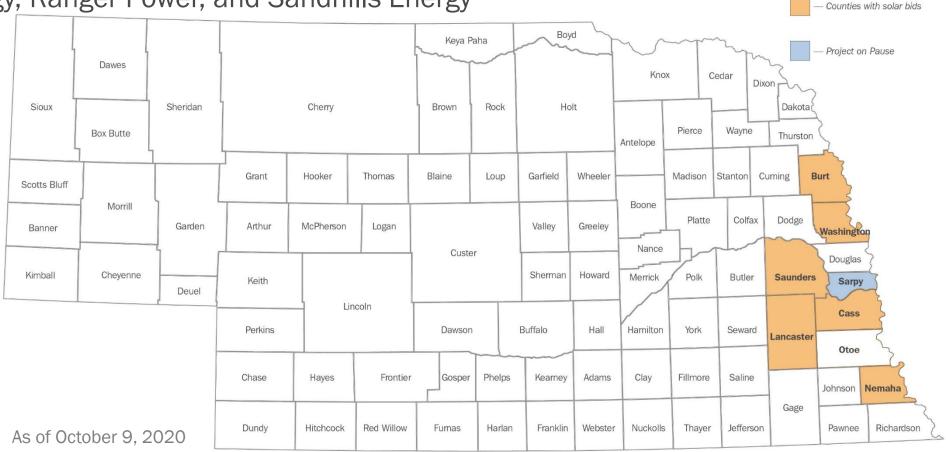


### **Solar Sourcing Update**

• RFP analysis of 71 proposals led to a narrowed focus of 7 projects in/near service territory

Developers include: Bluestem Energy Solutions, Community Energy, Geronimo Energy,

Invenergy, Ranger Power, and Sandhills Energy





#### What's Next?

- Continue technical, commercial, and contract analysis of projects
- Continue solar outreach and education
  - Updates to county leaders with projects (Washington, Cass, Burt, Saunders, and Nemaha)
  - Updates on OPPDCommunityConnect.com
  - OPPD employee and retiree updates living in the areas
- OPPD's goal is to share final projects by the end of 2020
  - Depends on timing of negotiations with developers





### **Natural Gas Generation Update**



### **Natural Gas Generation Project Update**

- Detailed site technical assessments in progress for both proposed locations (ALTA survey, geotechnical, noise measurements, environmental)
- Voluntarily submitted documentation to the City of Papillion planning department in support of their process for Sarpy County South site
- Nebraska Power Review Board
  - Applications submitted September 16
  - Hearing to occur October 19
- Fuel supply vendor meetings in progress



#### Natural Gas Generation Major Equipment Sourcing Progress

- Single RFP for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE)
- Single RFP for Simple-Cycle Combustion Turbines (CT)
- 9 vendors executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and received the applicable Request for Proposals (RFP)
- RICE Vendors submitted 40 questions in writing, which have been answered in three Letters of Clarification (LOC) and three Addendums

RICE Schedule Item

RICE RFP Issue Date

September 16, 2020

RICE Pre-bid Webex

September 23, 2020

RICE Proposal Due Date

October 21, 2020

RICE Negotiations Begin

RICE Target Contract Award

Milestone (Past/Future)

September 16, 2020

September 23, 2020

September 23, 2020

Mid December 2020

CT Schedule Item	Milestone (Past/Future)
CT RFP Issue Date	October 7, 2020
CT Pre-bid Webex	October 14, 2020
CT Proposal Due Date	November 4, 2020
CT Negotiations Begin	Mid November 2020
CT Target Contract Award	January 2021



<sup>\*</sup>Information as of October 7, 2020



### Stakeholder Outreach



### **Outreach Approach**

#### Phase I

Broad Community Listening & Education District-wide State of Utility (moved online)

#### Phase II

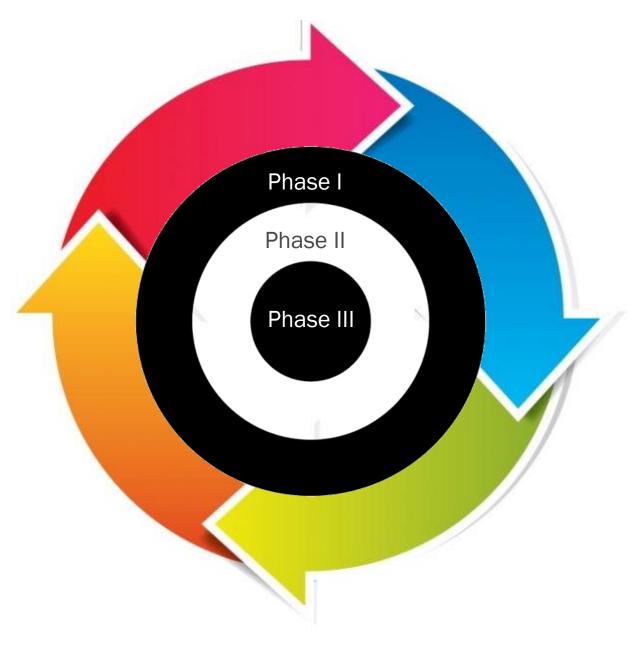
Conversations and Updates with <u>Potentially</u> Impacted Areas as Modeling Continues

#### Phase III

Engagement with <u>Directly Impacted (landowners)</u>
& Interested (community leaders)

#### **Ongoing**

Outreach and Communication to Close the Loop





## 1:1 Meetings and Speaking Engagements 2019 - Present

- Meetings with elected officials and community leaders
- Nebraska Wind & Solar
- Omaha by Design
- Engineers Club of Omaha
- Nebraskans for Solar
- Green Bellevue
- Green Omaha Coalition

- Sierra Club / Beyond Coal
- West Omaha Chamber
- Ashland Rotary Club
- Kiwanis Club of Greater Omaha
- Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers
- Earth Day (virtual Tim Burke interview)





### Power with Purpose October-November 2019

- Employee, Retiree & Stakeholder Meetings
- OPPDListens (now OPPDCommunityConnect)
- Social Media Posts
- Educational Workshops
- Outlets
- Outreach to Top 500 Commercial & Industrial Customers
- Media presence OPPDtheWire, KFAB, KETV, WOWT, KPTM APPA and more





### **State of the Utility**

#### April-May 2020

- Adapted due to the pandemic
- Committed to engaging customers, while being empathetic
- Moved from in-person meetings to putting all information online, with opportunities for customers to provide feedback
  - Customers can offer comments, ask questions and rank satisfaction on a variety of topics
- Promoted State of the Utility in:
  - April and May board press release
  - 8 print ads in Nemaha, Blair, Arlington, Ashland, Wahoo, Bellevue, Gretna, Papillion and Ralston; online ads in Omaha World-Herald
  - 385,000 impressions with May Outlets article
  - Employee OPPD News story
  - OPPD The Wire story
  - 500+ emails to hundreds of OPPD business customers and organizations
  - Virtual interviews and presentations (Earth Day, Ashland Rotary, etc.)

## State of the Utility

Continuing our Journey: 2020 Look Ahead

For over 70 years, OPPD has been where the light starts. We serve more than 846,000 people in 13 counties, making OPPD the 12th largest public power utility in the U.S. While honoring our heritage in public power, we have embraced changes in the energy sector. such as expansion of renewable technologies and a global focus on carbon reduction. We're proud of our journey and how far we've come, while never losing sight of OPPD's unwavering mission to provide affordable, reliable. and environmentally sensitive energy services to customers.



#### There's a lot to look forward to in 2020, including:



Our people are invested in the communities we serve

OPPD employees are active members of the communities we serve. In 2019 alone, employees volunteered thousands of hours.



We are planning ahead for potential flooding in 2020 to ensure resiliency.

We're taking important lessons learned from the flooding that occurred in March 2019 and making strategic investments to proactively minimize flood risk in the future.



We are making smart investments to safeguard energy system reliability.

Through efforts like tree trimming, LED street lighting, cable upgrades, and transmission and distribution improvements, our employees are committed to keeping the lights on.

We are grateful to have received \$1.2 million in grants to pilot a 1MW battery storage project...



...AND to install 10 total electric charging stations at five sites.

Electric vehicles, coupled with OPPD's continued effort to increase renewable energy use, provides compounding carbon emissions reduction.





## **Powering through the Pandemic Campaign** *May-August 2020*

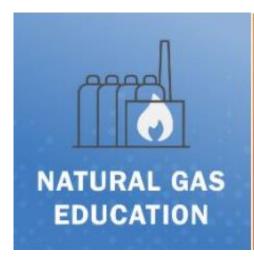
- Employee spotlight series
  - Included Facilities, Customer Care, Supply Chain,
     Enterprise Risk Management, Safety, etc.
- Print, social media, television and radio campaigns
- OPPDtheWire
  - Ongoing features highlighting our work
  - Customer First Solutions and CARES funding
  - Safety at home amid pandemic
    - Including safety with pools and other outdoor recreation since everyone was staying home
  - Plant employees
  - Overall COVID response (biz as usual)
  - Carter Lake Wi-Fi partnership
  - ECC work continues amid COVID





## **OPPDCommunityConnect.com** *July 2020*

















## Virtual Meetings September 2020

- Online Community Meetings, Sept. 29 & 30
- Promoted broadly via multi-channel digital campaign, including social media and radio
- Included geo-targeted social media, as well as direct mail, postcards, emails to community leaders and outreach to HOAs
- Papillion meeting: 52 attendees, Q&A more technical in nature
- Military meeting: 79 attendees, Q&A themes around sound, aesthetics, wildlife, property values and safety
- Meeting recordings posted on OPPDCommunityConnect.com

### SOLAR + NATURAL GAS BACKUP = POWER WITH PURPOSE

OPPD's mission is to provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services to customers. We also have a goal of net-zero carbon production by 2050.

Working toward that goal, OPPD is moving forward with large-scale solar generation and natural gas backup and plans to site a natural gas facility near the southeast corner of North 120th Street and Military Road.

As part of our public power promise and continued stakeholder outreach, OPPD is committed to engaging our customers in these types of decisions, and we pledge to listen to your thoughts, ideas and questions.

#### **Online Community Meeting...**

We'll be hosting a meeting for our neighbors near the North 120th Street and Military Road facility on:

Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m.
Learn more and access the meeting link at
www.OPPDCommunityConnect.com
or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone

If you do not have internet access and would like to access the

community meeting by phone, call 1-844-621-3956 toll-free. When prompted, enter this access code: 133 527 7723.

Let's talk! We'd love to hear what matters most to you!



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Note: Also held virtual meeting for MUD leadership with recording to be shared with MUD employees



### What we heard

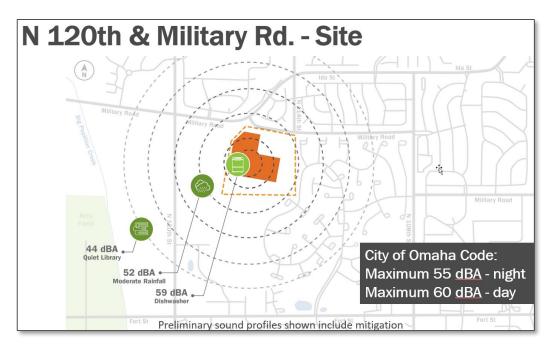
- "How loud will this be when it's running?" "Will it run all the time?"
- "What's this going to look like from my backyard?"
- "Should I be concerned with emissions from this plant?"
- "How will this affect my property value?"
- "Are you going to tear down trees and negatively impact the wildlife in the area?"
- "How will construction on this site disrupt traffic around my neighborhood?"
- "How is this going to impact my OPPD rates?"















### Various Ways to Engage and Stay Informed

- OPPDCommunityConnect.com
  - Project updates, ask questions, take polls/surveys, post ideas
- OPPDtheWire.com
- Outlet's newsletter
  - Monthly updates right to your home (or email)
- OPPD social media channels
  - Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, NextDoor (coming soon!)
- Contact your OPPD board member or community leader/elected official
- Community meetings
  - OPPD organized events
  - Home Owner Association meetings
  - Speakers Bureau (per your request)



## Next Steps October into 2021...

- Power Review Board Hearing (post process)
- Working on additional renderings (varying perspectives) and possible drone footage
  - Lesson learned from online meetings: customers having a hard time visualizing sites
- Continued 1:1 meetings with elected officials and community leaders
- Continued outreach to Home Owners Associations
- Planning late October in-person events coordinated with MUD at N 120<sup>th</sup> and Military Rd. for directly adjacent neighbors
- RambleRidge Annual HOA meeting, November 9



Views from backyard fence and of proposed Military facility site



## Next Steps October into 2021...

- Direct mail to original recipients of online meetings
  - Provide specifics for those who did not attend meetings and remind them that meeting recordings and FAQs at OPPDCommunityConnect.com
- Papillion (Sarpy County South) Transmission,
   Routing, Siting and Public Involvement Process
- 2021 meetings around design and construction
- Solar locations, announcement, education and outreach

Frequent updates at OPPDCommunityConnect.com



