

# **Customer Trends Update**

Committee Meeting November 10, 2020





Monitoring and adjusting OPPD's solutions as our customers' needs are changing.



#### **Continuance of Customer First Solutions**

- Maintain flexible bill payment options to help customers financially (via contact center request)
- Waive collection & reconnect fees on first field visit
- Empower customer service representatives to waive up to 3 Late Payment Charges for a customer in a 12 month period
- Suspend assessing additional deposits due to field collection visits
- Increase public education and awareness on Energy Assistance and Energy Efficiency education



#### **Energy Assistance**

 Implemented CARES Act Utility Assistance through Dollar Energy Fund securing \$3 million of energy assistance available to residential customers economically impacted by COVID-19



#### Remote Learning

• Collaborated with school districts opting for remote learning options to ensure learning is not disrupted due to disconnection of electric service



#### Promotional/Marketing Campaign

- Assistance campaigns(email/digital) for customers with outstanding balances
- Fund raising campaigns for Energy Assistance Program and Gift of Energy



## **Summary of Aged Debt**

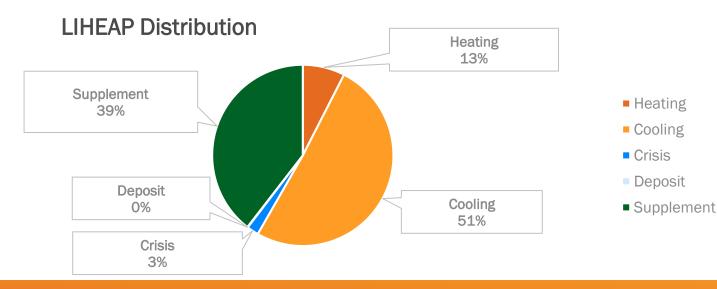
	Residential			Commercial & Industrial		
	October 2020	Sept 2020	October 2019	October 2020	Sept 2020	October 2019
% of Accounts Current	91.8%	89.6%	89.7%	92.5%	92.5%	92.8%
% of Accounts in Arrears	8.2%	10.4%	10.3%	7.5%	7.5%	7.2%
Total Aged Debt > 30 days (in millions)	\$7.1	\$7.3	\$5.7	\$2.1	\$2.6	\$2.2
Total Aged Debt 91+ Days (in millions)	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$0.4	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.1
Total Service Agreement Count > 30 Days (in thousands)	40.5	40.0	38.5	2.2	2.2	2.0
Total Service Agreement Count > 91+ Days (in thousands)	6.6	5.8	3.8	0.5	0.5	0.4
LIHEAP Only Accounts	October 2020	Sept 2020	October 2019			
% of Accounts Current	67%*	83%	82%			
% of Accounts in Arrears	33%*	17%	18%			
Total Aged Debt > 30 days (in millions)	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.2			
Total Aged Debt 91+ Days (in millions)	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.4			
Total Service Agreement Count > 30 Days (in thousands)	2.7	2.3	2.2			
Total Service Agreement Count > 91+ Days (in thousands)	0.7	0.6	0.3			

\* The statistics for the LIHEAP eligible customers have been impacted by LIHEAP eligibility program administration run by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).



### **Energy Assistance October 2020 Year To Date**

Funding Source	October 2020 YTD	YOY YTD Increase	Average Benefit	Distinct Accounts	# of Payments	2019 Year End Total
Energy Assistance Program	\$326,111	34%	\$354	978	1098	\$252,715
LIHEAP	\$4,572,531	18%	\$346	7,541	13,204	\$4,804,084
CARES Act	\$710,755	100%	\$367	1,675	1829	\$0
Other Agencies Assistance	\$982,946	24%	\$270	2,440	3,638	\$898,911
Total	\$6,592,343	28%	\$334	11,587	19,769	\$5,955,710



CARES Act Update	11/1/2020			
Applications In Progress*	4,890			
Completed Applications^	2,790			
Average benefit	\$381			
Total Dollars Granted	\$814,312			

\*Customers that started their online application and are in the process of gathering documentation requirements ^Customers that submitted their application with all documentation which has been processed by Dollar Energy Fund

