

## Power with Purpose Open Session November 2020 Update

November 10, 2020



## Agenda

- Solar Project Update
- Natural Gas Generation Project Update
- Community Stakeholder Outreach Update





# **Solar Project Update**



## **Solar Project Update**

- Narrowed focus to 7 projects in/near service territory
- Continue technical, commercial, and contract analysis of these projects
- Provide solar technology outreach and education to:
  - County leaders (Washington, Cass, Burt, Saunders, Nemaha)
  - OPPDCommunityConnect.com
  - OPPD employees and retirees



#### Photo: Fort Calhoun Community Solar drone footage





## **Natural Gas Generation Project**



## **Natural Gas Generation Project Update**

- Nebraska Power Review Board
  - Applications submitted September 16
  - 16 letters received from major customers and community/state organizations in support
  - Hearing held October 19; PRB gave verbal unanimous approval (4 to 0)
- Voluntarily submitted documentation to the City of Papillion planning department in support of their process for Sarpy County South site
  - Papillion Planning Commission gave 7 to 0 approval for submittal items
  - Papillion City Council Meeting agenda item on November 17
- Detailed site technical assessments in progress for both proposed locations (ALTA survey, geotechnical, noise measurements, environmental)
- 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 proposals under evaluation
- CT Vendors submitted 27 questions in writing, which have been answered in two Letters of Clarification (LOC) and one Addendum

\*Information as of November 4, 2020

RICE Schedule Item	Milestone (Past/Future)
RICE RFP Issue Date	September 16, 2020 🗸
RICE Pre-bid Webex	September 23, 2020 🗸
RICE Proposal Due Date	October 21, 2020 🖌
<b>RICE</b> Negotiations Begin	Mid-Late November 2020
RICE Target Contract Award	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 16, 2020
CT Negotiations Begin	Mid December 2020
CT Target Contract Award	January 2021





## **Stakeholder Outreach**



## **Outreach Approach**

#### Phase I

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

#### Phase II

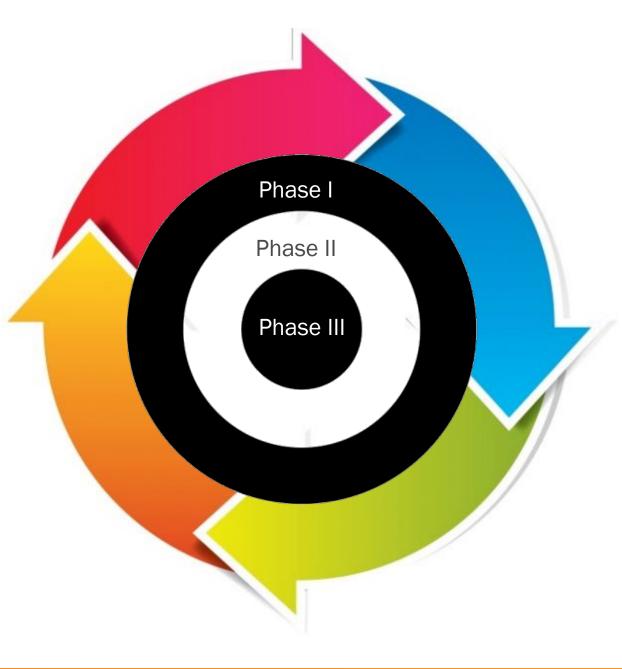
Conversations and Updates with <u>Potentially</u> Impacted Areas as Modeling Continues

#### Phase III

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

#### Ongoing

Outreach and Communication to Close the Loop





### **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

#### 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



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or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.

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



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## Walking Tours October 2020

- Lesson learned from online meetings...
  customers had a hard time visualizing sites
- Invited residents whose homes bordered MUD property on the east (RambleRidge) -ensured safety
- Subject matter experts on-hand as we toured plant and substation locations
- Boom truck allowed for height visualization of tallest substation structures
- General feedback:
  - Most grateful for in-depth look and relief that the plant was located further from homes
  - Addressed concerns around viewshed, sound, traffic, property values and electromagnetic fields





### **Next Steps** *November 2020 and beyond...*

- RambleRidge annual HOA meeting (Nov. 9)
  Subject matter experts on-hand for updates, Q&A
- Drone footage of MUD site to be added to OPPDCommunityConnect (to help with perspective)
- Direct mail to original recipients of online meetings
  - Provide specifics for those who did not attend meetings or walking tours
- Solar locations, announcement, education and outreach
- Papillion (Sarpy County South) Transmission, Routing, Siting and Public Involvement Process
- 2021 meetings around design and construction

#### Frequent updates at OPPDCommunityConnect.com





## **Continued Engagement**

- OPPDCommunityConnect.com
- 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)
- OPPD Public Affairs & Customer Service Teams

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Meetings will be promoted via OPPD digital channels, publications, emails to community leaders, and when needed, direct mail.





# Appendix



## **Power with Purpose – Where We Are**

