

Reporting Item

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 16, 2021

<u>ITEM</u>

Customer Trends Update [Note: Not presented due to time. Update posted on oppd.com.]

PURPOSE

To provide an update on customer trends during the COVID-19 pandemic

FACTS

- 1. In response to COVID-19 Directed Health Measures declared in March 2020, the Omaha Public Power District developed a Customer First Solutions Package, a variety of programs to assist customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. The Board requested that management provide regular reports on the progress of customer programs and trends.
- 3. Management will provide an update on aged debt and related trends as of February 28, 2021.

RECOMMENDED:

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Customer Trends Update

Public Information Pre-Committee March 9, 2021



Continuing to monitor and adjust OPPD's solutions as our customers' needs are changing.



Continuation of Q1 Customer First Solutions

- Maintain flexible bill payment options to help customers financially
- Automatically waive collection & reconnect fees on first field visit in 2021
- Empower customer service representatives to waive up to 3 late payment charges for a customer in a 12-month period
 - Additional fees may be waived upon approval and customer request (e.g. late payments, return check fees, collection & reconnect fees, etc..)
- Suspend assessing additional deposits due to field collection visits
- SMB customers will continue to receive personalized collection efforts prior to disconnection
- Continue personalized field visits and outreach to ensure impacted customers are aware of their options (via Connecting with Customers effort)

Energy Assistance

• The Douglas County COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program officially opened for applications on February 22nd.



Promotional/Marketing Campaign

• Promotional and marketing campaigns will continue to be a priority when (and if) changes are made to our utility assistance programs and customer offerings



Next Steps

- Finalizing the Customer First Operational transition plan as this has become part of OPPD's standard processes. This will be effective April 1st.
- Designing a communication plan for Remote Learners as we slowly transition them back to collection/disconnection activities after the school year.





Summary of Aged Debt

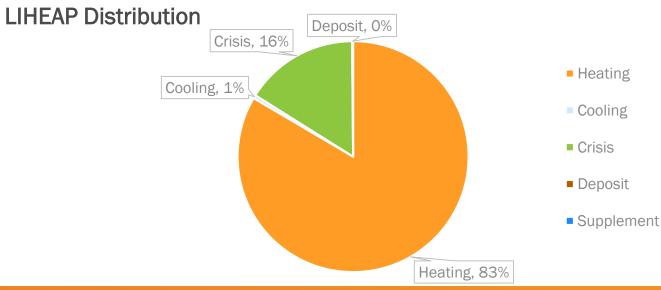
	F	Residential		Commercial & Industrial			
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	
% of Accounts Current	90.1%	90.9%	90.7%	92.8%	92.9%	93.5%	
% of Accounts in Arrears	9.9%	9.1%	9.3%	7.2%	7.1%	6.5%	
Total Aged Debt > 30 days (in millions)	\$6.3	\$5.6	\$5.0	\$2.5	\$1.8	\$2.5	
Total Aged Debt 91+ Days (in millions)	\$1.8	\$1.7	\$1.2	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2	
Total Service Agreement Count > 30 Days (in thousands)	37.6	34.0	35.0	2.1	2.0	1.8	
Total Service Agreement Count > 91+ Days (in thousands)	9.4	9.9	6.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	
LIHEAP Only Accounts	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020				
% of Accounts Current	61%	69%	68%				
% of Accounts in Arrears	39%	31%	32%				
Total Aged Debt > 30 days (in millions)	\$0.7	\$0.5	\$0.4				
Total Aged Debt 91+ Days (in millions)	\$0.5	\$0.3	\$0.2				
Total Service Agreement Count > 30 Days (in thousands)	5.2	3.8	3.7				
Total Service Agreement Count > 91+ Days (in thousands)	1.9	1.5	1.0				



Energy Assistance February 2021 YTD

Funding Source	February 2021 YTD	Average Benefit	Distinct Accounts	# of Payments	2020 Year End Total
Energy Assistance Program	\$31,238	\$307	101	102	\$377,571
COVID Relief Programs*	\$506,967	\$247	1934	2063	\$1,641,914
LIHEAP	\$274,264	\$375	720	731	\$5,846,198
Other Agencies Assistance	\$382,565	\$306	1,175	1,251	\$1,489,902
Total	\$1,195,034	\$288	3,781	4,147	\$9,355,585

 $\ast \mbox{Includes CARES}$ funds that approved for December and posted in January



Douglas County COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program	3/5/2021		
Completed Applications*+#	466		
Approved Applications^	308		
Average benefit	\$500		
Total Dollars Granted	\$154,000		

+Program will opened for applications on February 22nd *Customers that submitted their application with all documentation which has been processed by Dollar Energy Fund #Program closed for application on 3/2/2021. Dollar

Energy Fund received 2,229 applications as of 2/28/2020.

^Customers approved for the Douglas County COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program

