

OPPD sponsors energy-saving contest

In celebration of Energy Awareness Month, OPPD residential customers are invited to participate in "Save Your Energy for Vala's," a home energysavings contest.

We encourage you to shoot a brief video of a simple energy-saving action around the house, then save your physical energy for a fun day at Vala's Pumpkin Patch in Gretna, Neb.

The contest runs from Sept. 27 through Oct. 27. For full contest details, visit oppd.com/savings.

Here's how it works:

 Visit our DIY video library at oppd. com/EEvideos for steps you can take to save energy at home.

- Take a 10- to 30-second video of yourself or another household member implementing this DIY project at your house.
- Post the video on Facebook or Twitter with the contest hashtag, #OPPDsavings. (Make sure to make your post public.)
- The first 100 customers to post will receive a four-pack of tickets to Vala's.

This is a fun way to learn more about home energy efficiency and help manage your energy use at the same time. We encourage you to get started and enter our "Save Your Energy" contest now!



EV rebates and resources available from OPPD

OPPD once again is offering electric vehicle (EV) rebates, made possible by a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and a partnership with the Nebraska Community Energy Alliance.

Residential Rebates

 \$2,500 rebate toward the purchase of both a new EV and a ChargePoint Home™ charging station

Fleet Rebates

- \$2,500 rebate toward a fleet conversion* of both a new EV and a ChargePoint Home™ charging station
- \$4,500 rebate toward a medium/ heavy truck + charger fleet conversion
- * Conversion requires a similar sized vehicle be retired.

In addition to rebate details, you also can find a carload of educational resources at oppd.com/EV, designed to help customers with their EV buying journey.

These resources provide an allencompassing, non-biased source of information on EVs, including topics such as Why Buy an EV?, EV 101 and an EV Calculator to help you estimate potential cost savings.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETINGS

All-committee meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 16 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). **Regular board meeting**: Thursday, Nov. 18, **5 p.m.**, (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details) Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on **oppd.com/BoardMeeting**.



OUR MISSION

Provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services to our customers.





Harvest season will soon be in full swing, and with it come specific safety precautions. The following apply year round, but are especially important this time of year.

- Look up, look out and look around.
 Be aware of overhead power lines at all times. If you must move equipment under a line, have someone watching to ensure an electrical contact doesn't occur.
- Don't stack hay or round bales near electrical lines to avoid electrical contact with hay loaders or other moving equipment.

- Always lower grain augers when moving from bin to bin.
- Be aware of the location of down guywires and anchors on overhead power lines.
- When moving farm equipment, know the loaded height so contact isn't made with overhead power lines on roads and around field entrances.

Regardless of the time of year, never approach a downed power line. Always assume it's energized and notify OPPD immediately or call 911.

OPPD crews helped with Hurricane Ida restoration

After Hurricane Ida left more than 1 million customers in Louisiana and Mississippi without power in late August, OPPD was among many public power utilities that answered the call for mutual aid.

OPPD sent 12 line techs, two transportation mechanics and a field supervisor to help restore service in the Baton Rouge, La., area.

They helped with the massive restoration effort for about a week. Mutual aid crews responded from nine states.

OPPD has benefited from mutual aid from other utilities over the years. Most recently, we received assistance after the storm on July 10, 2021, which featured hurricane-force winds.





OPPD executing construction contract for backup peaking plants

Through its Power with Purpose (PwP) project, OPPD is adding 600 megawatts of utility-scale solar and up to 600 MW of modern natural gas backup to its generation portfolio.

The solar capacity is needed to maintain reliability and resiliency of

the system in growing communities, while positioning OPPD to meet its net-zero carbon goal in 2050.

Peaking plants

To back up this solar power, OPPD is preparing to build two natural gas generation peaking plants: Standing Bear Lake Station, near 120th Street and Military Road in Omaha; and Turtle Creek Station, near 168th Street and Fairview Road in Papillion.

At press time, OPPD was executing an Engineer, Procure and Construct (EPC) contract for the generation and substation facilities at both locations.

In addition, preliminary grading is

underway at both sites to prepare for major construction in early 2022. Construction is to be completed in 2023.

As peaking plants, these facilities will run only as needed, per market conditions, estimated at less than 15% of the time.

You can learn more about PwP and other projects by visiting our community engagement platform, OPPDCommunityConnect.com, or

scanning the QR code at right with your smartphone to get there.



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