



Jeff Bishop named OPPD chief financial officer

OPPD has named Jeff Bishop as vice president – Finance and chief financial officer, effective Nov. 15. Bishop succeeds Javier Fernandez in this role, who became OPPD president & CEO in July.

Bishop brings more than 20 years of financial experience to the district. He comes to OPPD from Grant County Public Utility District in Washington state, where he had served as CFO since 2017. Prior to that, he was a senior vice president, CFO & treasurer for GridLiance in Irving, Texas, and CFO of Seattle City Light, among others.

“Jeff brings a wealth of knowledge, from finance to tech-

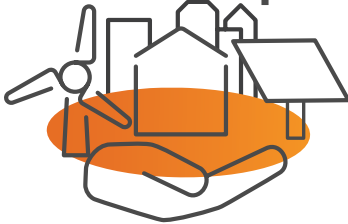
nology and risk-management,” Fernandez said.

“He will be a great asset to the utility as we work toward a number of strategic initiatives, including modernizing technology, hardening our grid for reliability and resilience, and enhancing the customer experience, among other areas.”

Bishop is a licensed certified public accountant and serves on the Large Public Power Council as a member of the Chief Financial Officers Committee.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Washington State University, with an accounting concentration, as well as a bachelor’s in zoology from the University of Washington. Bishop is active in community organizations, including volunteer work as a youth soccer coach.

Power with Purpose



OPPD awards construction contract for Power with Purpose peaking plants

OPPD has made a key selection for its Power with Purpose (PwP) project. PwP will add 400 to 600 megawatts (MW) of utility-scale solar and 600 MW of natural gas to the district’s generation portfolio.

OPPD awarded an engineer, procure and construct (EPC) contract to Zachry Group. The company will be responsible for the design and construction of both of OPPD’s new natural gas generation facilities, as well as their associated substations.

Standing Bear Lake Station will be a 150-MW facility near 120th Street and Military Road in Omaha. Turtle Creek Station will be a 450-MW facility near 168th Street and Fairview Road in Papillion.

As peaking stations, both plants will run only as needed, per market conditions (estimated at less than 15% of the time).

System reliability and resiliency

The solar and natural gas generation capacity of PwP will support the reliability and resiliency of the system as our communities grow, while significantly positioning OPPD on a path to meet its net-zero carbon goal in 2050.

Preliminary grading at both natural gas generation sites is underway, and major construction is scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2022.

In July, OPPD announced two other contracts related to PwP. The district selected nine Wärtsilä reciprocating internal combustion engines to power Standing Bear Lake Station, which will be in commercial operation by late spring of 2023.

OPPD also chose Siemens Energy to provide two combustion turbines to power Turtle Creek Station,

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DECEMBER BOARD MEETINGS

All-committee meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 14 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Dec. 16, 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.

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OUR MISSION

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





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The pandemic has continued to bring tough times for many customers across OPPD's 13-county service territory. The resulting financial hardships have led to increasing requests for help with paying utility bills.

In 2021, the OPPD Energy Assistance Program (EAP) has helped more than 956 households. Since the onset of the pandemic, we have seen a steady increase in the need for energy assistance, and have distributed more than \$304,000 in assistance this year.

This assistance program would not be possible without the generous donations of our customers, community partners and employees throughout the year. One hundred percent of funding raised goes directly to those in need of a little extra help.

Join in the Mart Sedky Month of Giving

As part of our Mart Sedky Month of Giving in November, we are encouraging our employees and customers to donate to the EAP. We just renamed this annual community support effort in honor of OPPD's former vice president of Human Capital, who passed away recently after a brave battle with cancer.

Mart cared deeply about others and was passionate about serving the community. As a tribute to her giving spirit, this effort gives us a chance to help keep the power on for those who need some support.

Go to oppd.com/Donate to make your donation and learn more about ways you can help. There are several ways to donate:

- **Donate** now via a credit card at dollarenergy.org/donations/oppd/
- **Use** the Energy Assistance Pledge form at oppd.com/Pledge to add a monthly or one-time donation to your next OPPD billing statement.
- **Check** the EAP donation box on your next OPPD billing statement.
- **Give** by phone by calling OPPD Customer Service at 402-536-4131 or 877-536-4131 outside the metro area.

For information on how to apply for assistance, please go to oppd.com/EAP.

Efficient holiday lighting can lessen energy usage

It's time to unpack the holiday decorations, and also a good time to evaluate whether it's time to switch to more energy-efficient LED styles.

These types of lights use less energy, run at a cooler temperature (reducing fire hazards) and last longer than incandescent models.

The chart on the right shows the energy savings that result from switching to LED lights.



INCANDESCENT LIGHTS

C7, C9 (large bulbs)

Lights per string: 25 Watts per string: 175
Hours of use/day: 6 Number of strings: 10
kWh cost: \$.09 **Avg Monthly Cost: \$28.35**

Mini (small bulbs)

Lights per string: 100 Watts per string: 40
Hours of use/day: 6 Number of strings: 10
kWh cost: \$.09 **Avg Monthly Cost: \$6.48**

LED LIGHTS

Large bulbs

Lights per string: 25 Watts per string: 2
Hours of use/day: 6 Number of strings: 10
kWh cost: \$.09 **Avg Monthly Cost: \$0.32**

Small bulbs (mini)

Lights per string: 70 Watts per string: 4.2
Hours of use/day: 6 Number of strings: 10
kWh cost: \$.09 **Avg Monthly Cost: \$0.68**

Power with Purpose *(Continued from front)*

a simple-cycle turbine plant. This facility will be in commercial operation by late summer of 2023.

Utility-scale solar

On the solar front, OPPD has acquired 81 MW of solar to date, with the Platteview Solar purchased power agreement executed this past spring.

It is the first utility-scale solar project of its size in Nebraska. After executing a contract for Platteview, the utility closed out its first phase of solar sourcing this summer, allowing time to gather lessons learned.

OPPD remains committed to adding 400 - 600 MW of solar. The district continues to work with key stakeholders throughout this project, as well as educating and advocating for utility-scale solar.

For more information, visit OPPDCommunityConnect.com or scan the QR code at right with your smartphone to get there.



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