



OPPD marks 75 years of serving customers

District developing plans for the future.

Dec. 2, 2021, marks OPPD's 75-year anniversary. For 7½ decades, district employees have taken great pride in providing reliable electric service to our customers.

A public power entity, OPPD operates in the only state in the U.S. that has no investor-owned utilities. With no shareholders involved, OPPD's mission is to provide its customer-owners with affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services.

As a not-for-profit utility, OPPD uses much of its revenue to proactively maintain, upgrade and build the facilities, systems and equipment it uses to generate, transmit and distribute electricity.

The OPPD workforce includes line workers, electricians, mechanics, steamfitters, chemists, arborists, programmers, engineers, analysts, customer service reps, managers, admin staff and many more specialties.

Over the years, your energy partner has worked hard to keep the power flowing during times of war, storms, blizzards and floods, throughout many political, economic and technological changes.

A bit of history

In 1945, the Nebraska Legislature authorized the creation of the Omaha Public Power District as a political subdivision of the state of Nebraska.

On Dec. 2, 1946, OPPD officially became an electric

utility by buying the properties owned and operated by the Nebraska Power Co., OPPD's predecessor.

In 1947, OPPD's first full year of operation, the district served a population of about 300,000 in a 2,500-square-mile service area covering all or part of nine counties in southeastern Nebraska.

On Jan. 1, 1965, the Eastern Nebraska Public Power District merged with OPPD, adding four counties to the district's service area, doubling its size, and increasing the population served to 481,000.

Today, OPPD serves about 849,000 people in 13 counties, across a 5,000-square-mile service area.

A glimpse into powering the future

OPPD is currently developing its strategic vision for Powering the Future 2050. This effort will be informed in part by several strategic initiatives currently under way, and we will keep you informed as this work progresses. In addition, you can stay current and provide feedback on ongoing projects and initiatives

at [OPPDCommunityConnect.com](https://www.oppd.com/CommunityConnect).

As we continue to evolve and make advancements in how we do things, OPPD will remain committed to the public power model that has served us well in meeting the needs of our customers.

Above, Linemen Dick Lindsay and Bob McCracken work on a power line in 1958.



JANUARY BOARD MEETINGS

Committee and regular board meetings: Due to OPPD following all COVID-19 precautions and other logistical issues, the dates and locations of these meetings were not available at press time. By Dec. 17, this information will be posted at [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](https://www.oppd.com/BoardMeeting). Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](https://www.oppd.com/BoardMeeting).

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OUR MISSION

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

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GIVE THE GIFT OF ENERGY



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Brighten someone's holiday this year

The holiday season is upon us, and while holiday preparations may look a little different again this year, giving a meaningful gift couldn't be easier.

We invite you to give the Gift of Energy – a gift that is warm and bright, literally.

Through the Gift of Energy program, you can make a payment toward the OPPD account of a friend, loved one or neighbor. This is a unique gift that can be purchased for anyone on your list who is an OPPD customer, especially those who are hard to buy for.

Your gift can be in any amount you chose, and will be applied to the designated account within two weeks of OPPD receiving the application.

To give the Gift of Energy, please complete a Gift of Energy form and mail it – along with your check or money order payable to OPPD – to:

Omaha Public Power District
444 S 16th Street Mall
E/AR/EP 1: Cashiers
Omaha, NE 68102

You can find the form at oppd.com/GIFT.

Once we have processed your payment, we will send you and the recipient an email to confirm your Gift of Energy.

Thanks for helping make someone's holidays brighter!

Stay safe and informed

With COVID-19 still with us, OPPD is encouraging its employees – and its customers – to practice the three W's: watch your distance, wear a mask and wash your hands to help prevent spread.

With a fourth "W," winter, on our doorstep, remember our Storm & Outage Center at stormandoutage.com provides outage updates, storm and electric safety tips, and weather conditions.

For example, if a snowstorm knocks down power lines this winter:

- Never go near a downed line. Always assume the wire is live and high-voltage.
- **Call OPPD at 1-800-554-6773 or 911 immediately to report any downed lines.**
- **Do not touch a line or anything touching the wire.** This includes other people and equipment.
- Keep children and pets away from downed lines.

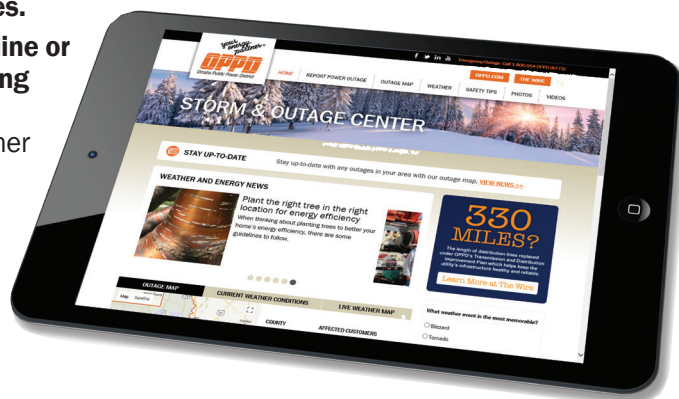
- Do not drive over a downed line.

Other ways to use the site include:

- **Outage updates:** Get ongoing updates on sizeable power outages.
- **Outage map:** See impacted areas; updated every five minutes.

During widespread outages, the Storm Center pushes updates and other information to Twitter and other social media channels.

You can access the Storm & Outage Center from a mobile device or computer to stay safe and informed during storms.



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- View billing and payments history, for up to 24 months
- Reduce paper clutter and help the environment

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