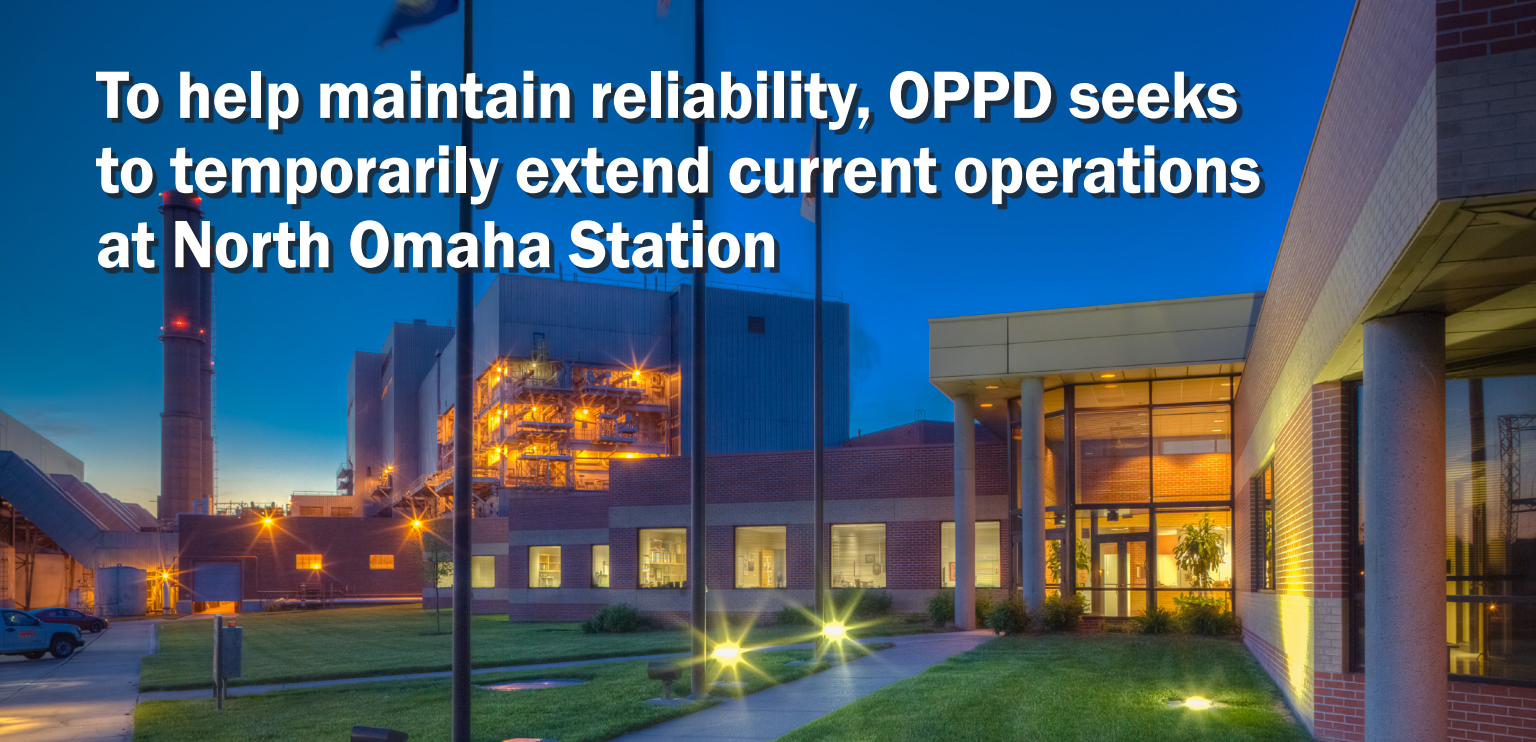


# To help maintain reliability, OPPD seeks to temporarily extend current operations at North Omaha Station



## OPPD remains committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

To help ensure our customers continue to have reliable, resilient power, OPPD management is recommending the district delay its retirement of North Omaha Station (NOS) units 1-3 and fuel conversion of units 4 and 5 from low-sulfur coal to natural gas.

The OPPD Board of Directors is to consider this proposal at its Aug. 18 meeting. The board previously approved these changes to occur at NOS by the end of 2023.

That is when OPPD's new natural gas generating plants – Standing Bear Lake Station (SBLS) in northwest Omaha and Turtle Creek Station (TCS) in Papillion – were originally planned to come online.

These natural gas-fueled resources are planned to be paired with up to 600 megawatts of utility-scale solar to enable the OPPD system to have sufficient energy for critical summer peak loads. All the natural gas and solar resources are needed.

The proposed NOS delay is only until the two new natural gas facilities are fully approved for grid interconnection service by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

OPPD is a member of SPP, which is the regional transmission organization that facilitates grid interconnection and collaboration between electric utilities in all or part of the states from North Dakota to Okla-

homa, and including parts of Montana and New Mexico, as well as the Texas panhandle.

Regional coordination of utility-scale generation changes is required to ensure the desired outcomes.

### Why the temporary NOS extension?

A number of factors are driving this proposed extension:

- A large number of requests for SPP multi-year generation interconnection studies has created a significant backlog, impacting the certainty around the timing of getting full interconnection service for SBLS and TCS.
- In compliance with federal law, SPP must conduct such studies to determine the potential need for

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### AUGUST BOARD MEETINGS

**All-committee meeting:** Tuesday, Aug. 16 (see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Aug. 18, 5 p.m. (see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://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](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting).

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## North Omaha Station *(From front)*

additional transmission resulting from generation additions. SPP's interconnection process is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

- Generation facilities cannot fully dispatch their rated energy capacity into the transmission system until they receive full interconnection approval from SPP.
- In addition, new solar generation projects have experienced

delays and challenges nationally, including generation interconnection backlogs, local siting of projects and supply chain issues, including impacts from the federal focus on solar panel imports.

"This is one of those moments where we need to slow down our present path to achieve our future goals," said OPPD President and CEO Javier Fernandez.

"The extension of North Omaha

Station's current mission supports our commitment to reliability and resiliency – something we know our customers and communities are especially mindful of following the 2021 polar vortex event."

Despite this temporary delay, OPPD remains committed to its goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

For more information on this recommendation, please visit [OPPD.com/PwPreliabilityupdate](https://www.oppd.com/PwPreliabilityupdate).

## Rate Design Project pursuing long-term vision for future rate plans



In a time of ongoing advances in technology, continued focus on environmental sensitivity and shifts in our energy generation portfolio, OPPD has started an 11-month Rate Design Project to develop a long-term vision for future electric rate design.

The ultimate goal of this project is to create a rate design roadmap that best serves and represents our customers and guides our future rate and product offerings.

The OPPD Board of Directors is conducting three full-day workshops as part of this project.

The first workshop was on June 22, and the next two are set for Aug. 10 and 29, at locations to be announced on the Rate Design Project OPPD Board Workshop page of [oppdcommunityconnect.com](https://www.oppdcommunityconnect.com).

The public is welcome to attend and observe these workshops in-person or through livestream links available on that same webpage.

While there will be no public comment period during the workshops, we encourage our customers to comment online after each workshop through a "Guest-book" we will post on the Rate Design Project page of [oppdcommunityconnect.com](https://www.oppdcommunityconnect.com) after each session.

There is more information on that website, including an overview of how electric rates are set and answers to frequently asked questions. We also will post video-recordings of each workshop on the site.

Customer engagement and outreach are key to the success of this effort. We encourage you to learn more, ask questions and provide feedback via the Rate Design Project page on [oppdcommunityconnect.com](https://www.oppdcommunityconnect.com).

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