In 2021, Omaha Public Power District celebrated our 75th anniversary. It was a time for our organization to look back and honor the hard work and sacrifice of those who made OPPD what it is today. What stands out about 2022 is how we have been laying the groundwork and progressing down the path toward Powering the Future to 2050.

That strategic vision is shaping our work at OPPD, and it will for decades to come. We must proceed on this journey thoughtfully and boldly. OPPD has been an industry leader for decades, and while the work is changing, that strategic vision of Powering the Future has not.

We have developed three internal and three external areas of focus that will help us illuminate the future. The areas that are customer-focused – Perfect Power, Cleaner World and Customer Freedom – will allow us to serve customers in new and exciting ways. In each of those areas work has already begun, including enhancing our Geographic Information System to help manage our assets and updating our Outage Management System.

Within OPPD’s workforce, we have enhanced our technology road map and are working to cultivate leadership at every level. We know that fostering an environment of continual learning leads to better solutions for our customer-owners.

We are progressing on all of these fronts while experiencing unprecedented growth in our service territory.

Our employees have showcased ingenuity and dedication to serving our customers through a number of projects. Various departments collaborated to find a solution to a forced outage at our Nebraska City Station, avoiding a multi-month unplanned outage. And our splicers rotated teams over 72 consecutive hours to resolve an outage for one of our large customers.

The nuclear decommissioning work at our Fort Calhoun Station continues to go as planned. A significant focus over the past year was the removal of the internal components from the reactor vessel. We remain on track to return the site to greenfield status around 2026.

While we can look back on our accomplishments for our customer-owners with pride, our vision and focus are clear, and we will continue leading the way in powering the future, just as we have done for decades.