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An unprecedented outage and response

OPPD crews, contractors and mutual aid teams faced a monumental challenge last month when hurricane-force winds left more than 221,000 customers without power, the biggest outage in our history.

We responded with unprecedented resources, totaling around 1,500 people in the field who worked around the clock to restore electrical service.

The massive field team included line crews, troubleshooters, meter technicians, streetlight workers, substation workers, contracted tree crews and 170 mutual aid crews from all over



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Behind the scenes, OPPD's Storm Team oversaw many others who

contributed to the restoration, coordinated the response and helped customers as much as possible through very challenging circumstances.

Hurricane-force straight-line winds battered OPPD's service territory, with confirmed gusts greater than 90 mph. The

storm caused severe, widespread tree damage throughout the region that caused many of the outages.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETINGS

All-committee meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 17 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Oct. 19, 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.



Affordability
Public power customers pay lower average electricity rates than those charged by investor-owned utilities. Nebraska enjoys rates that are even lower than the national average.

Community focus
Employees of public power utilities are your neighbors and friends. They work to strengthen economic development in communities and attract new business.

Local control
All public power utilities and cooperatives are controlled by boards of directors. Voters can elect board members, access open meetings conducted by governing authorities and give input.

Reliability
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Public Power
Publicpower.org
Collectively, public power utilities serve 1 in 7 electric customers across the U.S.

Statistics:
 - In 2020, about 40% of public power in the U.S. was from non-carbon-emitting sources.
 - 60% of utility providers in U.S. are public power.
 - In the U.S., over 2,000 publicly owned utilities serve more than 49 million people.
 - Nebraska is the only state served entirely by public power.

Public power a unique part of life in Nebraska

Nebraska is the only state where all residents get electricity from public power utilities or cooperatives. Here are a few facts you may not know about your public power utilities.

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Public power is a unique part of Nebraska and a tradition that has electrified the homes of residents from large cities to small farmsteads.

Who's responsible for tree debris after storms?

When damaging storms strike, trees and power lines can tangle and cause problems.

When that happens, OPPD calls extra tree crews to help clear the lines. The process for tree trimming in storm situations differs from OPPD's normal tree maintenance practice. Crews work to clear the lines so that the utility can restore power as quickly as possible.

OPPD's tree contractors pick up

debris during normal trimming conditions. But during storm events, they will leave debris so they can get to the next customer and free up more lines.

Homeowners are responsible for cleaning up that debris. Customers are responsible for trimming trees on their property except near power lines. OPPD is responsible for keeping the distribution and transmission lines cleared from tree interference.

Safety and timely restoration are

always the top priorities at OPPD. Storm restoration can be some of the most dangerous work crews face.

Downed wires are one of the main hazards during storms. Downed limbs are another potential hazard. Customers should stay away from limbs that are tangled up in lines. Anyone who sees a downed wire should stay at least 30 feet away, assume the wire is live and contact OPPD at 1-800-554-6773.

Platteview Solar facility a major milestone for Nebraska

OPPD's first utility-scale solar project, the largest of its kind in Nebraska, is now generating power for customers.

The new facility, known as Platteview Solar, is capable of producing 81 megawatts (MW) of electricity, enough to power 14,000 homes. OPPD has a power purchase



agreement with the AES Corporation, the facility's developer, owner and operator.

On 500 acres of private land near Yutan, the facility generates power with 188,000 solar panels arranged in neat rows.

OPPD recently hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the milestone with Saunders County dignitaries, OPPD board members and AES representatives.

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