2007 Statistics

Low rates and nationally recognized customer service are among the advantages provided to the customers of Omaha Public Power District. The business-managed utility was founded in 1946 as a public entity and is governed today by an elected board of eight directors. OPPD ranks as the 12th-largest publicly owned electric system in the U.S. in number of customers served. OPPD serves 47 towns at retail and five at wholesale in a 5,000-square-mile service area in 13 counties.

Generating Capability: 2,548.8 MW
System Peak Load: 2,197.4 MW
Megawatt-hour sales: 12,927,699 MWh
Operating revenue: $750,253,000
Payments in lieu of taxes: $21,398,000
Average cost per kilowatt-hour – residential: 7.51 cents
Average annual use kilowatt-hour – residential: 12,211
Total utility plant: $4,259,501,000
Miles of electric line: 15,166
Construction expenditures: $221,515,000
Number of employees: 2,320
Average number of electric customers: 336,025

Providing Low Rates to Customers

- OPPD rates rank 37.3 percent below the national average in cost per kilowatt-hour for commercial customers and 42.9 percent below for industrial customers, according to the latest figures from the Energy Information Administration. (preliminary through Nov. 2007)
- OPPD’s Nebraska City Station, one of its coal-fired plants, consistently ranks among the lowest-cost steam electric power plants in the nation.
- A second generating unit being built at the Nebraska City site will provide 663 megawatts of power for OPPD customers and participating utilities.
- Major upgrades at Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Station in recent years will allow the plant to operate until 2033.
- OPPD actively sells power to other utilities. Earnings from these sales are returned to its customers in the form of rate stability and system improvements.
- OPPD has a diversified generation mix of 46.3 percent coal, 18.9 percent nuclear power and 34.6 percent oil and natural gas, with 0.2 percent landfill-gas and wind.

Delivering Reliable Energy

- For the past seven years, OPPD’s reliability as measured by the Average Service Availability Index has been greater than 99.98 percent.
- OPPD’s Grid reliability is monitored by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) through a list of standards. OPPD follows NERC standards at all times. In 2006, OPPD scored very well in the NERC Readiness audit (on-site audit) and received 100 percent compliance in 2007.
- Through its membership in the Midwest Contingency Reserve Sharing Group, OPPD has access to energy reserves in emergency situations. The Midwest Contingency Reserve Sharing Group consists of about 40 members spread over the upper Midwest region of the United States and Canada.

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