# THE POWER OF CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT CAN BRIGHTEN OUR FUTURE.

Board of Directors Update

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What is customer engagement? It's simple really. It's the direct and indirect interactions with a brand over time: before, during or after a transaction by phone, online or in person. It also includes likes, shares, tweets and posts on social or comments on review sites.

Customer engagement is an ongoing relationship with a brand as opposed to a singular customer experience. And it's proactive. Brands can reach out to customers to inspire purchases, build brand recognition, solicit feedback and gather information. The idea is to build an ongoing dialogue with customers that creates an emotional attachment. *Make them want you.* 

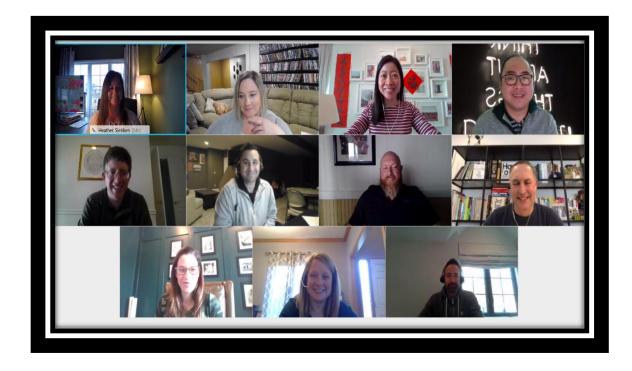


## **PROJECT APPROACH**

PRE-ENGAGEMENT	PHASE 1 – ALIGNMENT AND VISION	PHASE 2 – SCAN THE ENVIRONMENT	PHASE 3 – DEFINE THE FUTURE	PHASE 4 – ROADMAP AND RESOURCES	PHASE 5 – DEVELOP	PHASE 6 – IMPLEMENT, INTEGRATE, RECOMMEND
March 2019	March 2020	April 2021	June 2021	Sept 2021	Sept 2021	Jan 2022
<ul> <li>Define high-level scope</li> <li>Identify strategic resources</li> <li>Prepare Logistics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Team selection, onboard, role clarity and education</li> <li>RFP, vendor workshops, onboard vendor</li> <li>Baseline customer insights and engagement interest</li> <li>Strategic initiative (SI) objectives and plans</li> <li>Prioritize our efforts and identify our capabilities to be assessed</li> <li>Align with other ongoing initiatives</li> <li>Brainstorm potential capabilities and needs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Internal capabilities and gap analysis</li> <li>External market analysis</li> <li>Identify benchmarking sets</li> <li>Gather historical customer engagement data</li> <li>Heuristics assessment</li> <li>Stakeholder outreach</li> <li>Review youth engagement opportunities</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Engagement         Playbook</li> <li>Segmentation         models and         personas</li> <li>Transactional         surveys</li> <li>Integrate existing         customer         engagement data</li> <li>Review SD's and         recommend         modifications</li> <li>Non-digital         engagement         process/plans</li> <li>Modify current state         engagement         channels</li> <li>Website, mobile app</li> </ul>	



## **VIRTUAL BEGINNINGS**







### THIS IS US

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- Juli Comstock, Strategic Initiative Sponsor
- Heather Siebken, Strategic Initiative Director

### **ADVISORS LEAD ORGANIZATIONAL** Nina Swanson **Austin Martinez READINESS** Kate Thomas Tim McAreavey **ADVANCED** Sara Biodrowski ANALYTICS/TOOLS Aaron Smith **CUSTOMER** Corey DeJong **INSIGHTS/OUTPUTS** Laurie Zagurski

### **SUPPORT TEAM**

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- Adam Haynes, Change Management
- · Mary Oswald, Communications
- Bob Kaminski, Strategic Initiative Coordination

### **CORE TEAM**

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Christene Bywater, Energy Production
Angela Carter, Human Capital
Denton Cushing, Customer Service
Nitty Gambhir, Customer Service
Alyssa Kidd, Customer Service
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Jennifer Skupa, Human Capital

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)





### **PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS**



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Our Power & Utility (P&U) practitioners has deep industry knowledge in helping utilities achieve business value and outcomes in this unique sector.

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Professionals focusing on serving Utilities in the US, with 4,500 utility practitioners worldwide

4,700+

Professionals specializing in delivering **customer transformation** initiatives

65%

Of Investor Owned Utilities are served by PwC

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Our **purpose** is to build trust in society and solve important problems. Our advisory, tax, and assurance services address today's business imperatives.

Simulate innovation

Align costs with business strategy

Transform human capital

Accelerate digital and technology impact

Grow and create competitive advantage

Navigate risk and regulatory complexity

Optimize deals

Create unique customer experiences

Strengthen **trust** and transparency

Reimagine analytics possibilities

Unlock data possibilities

Secure assets



### **UTILITY EXPERIENCE**



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PLAN



### **Build the Foundation**

Develop a holistic strategy that puts the customer at the center, and build an organization and operations that focus on generating value for them — and for OPPD. Pilot the operational model and use early Voice of the District (VoD) insights to refine.

### **Operationalize**

Increase maturity of turning insights to tailored customer engagement initiatives.

### **Evolve**

Continuously improve, based on customer and internal feedback, track outcomes, and success measures.

Customer Engagement Strategy



Organization Design



360 Customer View and VoD Insights



Technology and Data Roadmap



Experience Design and Orchestration



Digital Media and Marketing



Measurement and Continuous Improvement



Agile, Iterative Approach

Outcome-driven, People-centric System of Change

Customer Research and Personas

Capability Maturity Assessment Organization Design, Training Plan

Customer Engagement Playbook Voice of the District and Insights

Prioritized Roadmap (Process, Org, Tech/Data)

Technology Enablement Drip-Feed Training and Culture Change

Marketing and Content

Execute
Customer
Engagement
Activities

Enhanced Analytics and Reporting



### **BASELINE**

### **CURRENT STATE**

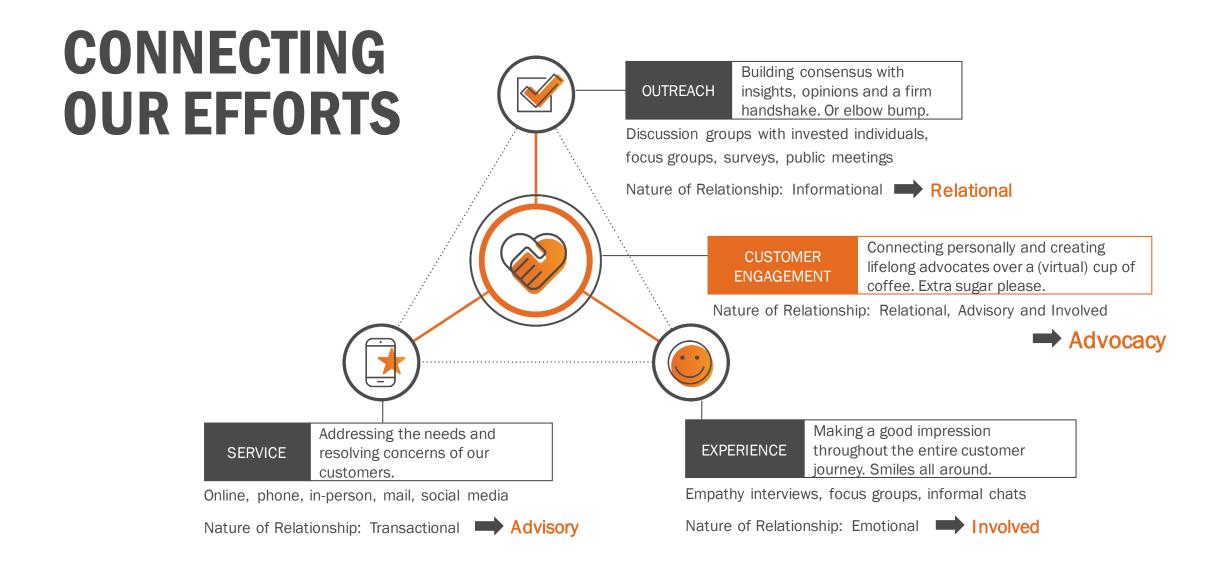
- Sponsor and/or participate in community events
- Conduct outreach events on proposed utility actions through multiple channels
- Utilize standard customer persona's to help tailor insights
- Survey customers, periodically, for insights, plus conduct more regular transactional surveys for feedback on contact center support
- Coordinate focus groups to review content/material for feedback
- Empower account executives to support business clients
- Respond to requests for involvement

### RECENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEYS

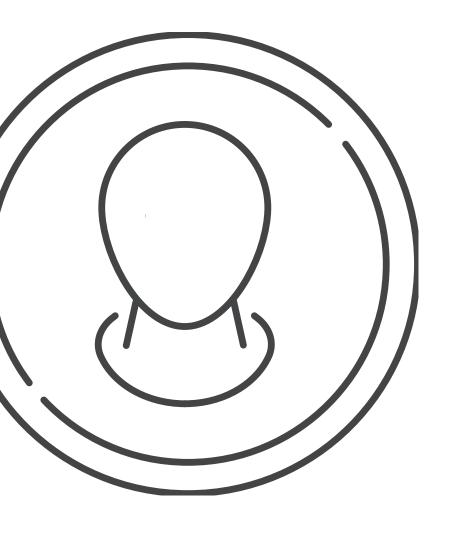
- Respondents view OPPD and its efforts to engage favorably
- Preference for interactive engagement channels/methods is relatively low and traditional media channels (direct mail, traditional media and digital) are preferred
- Indicated lack of desire for engagement seems to be driven primarily by trust in OPPD to be the expert decision-maker
- Often feel we are communicating reactively or not inside their journey
- Don't think about OPPD until it is time to pay their bill or their power is out

We are making strides, but we have opportunities to help our customers see us as more than a "transactional utility".





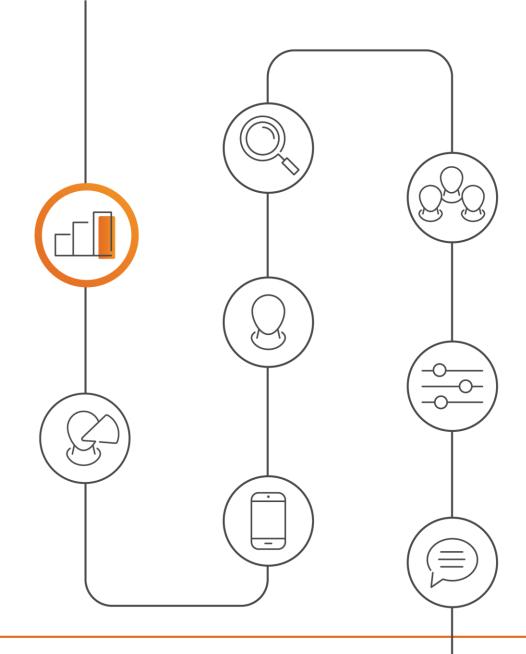




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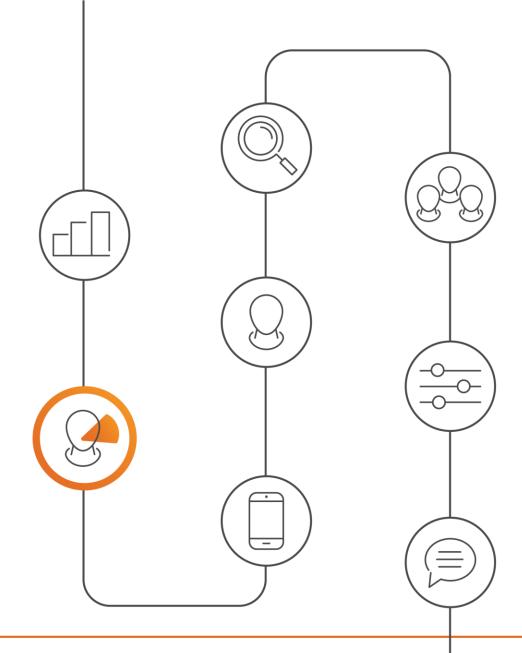
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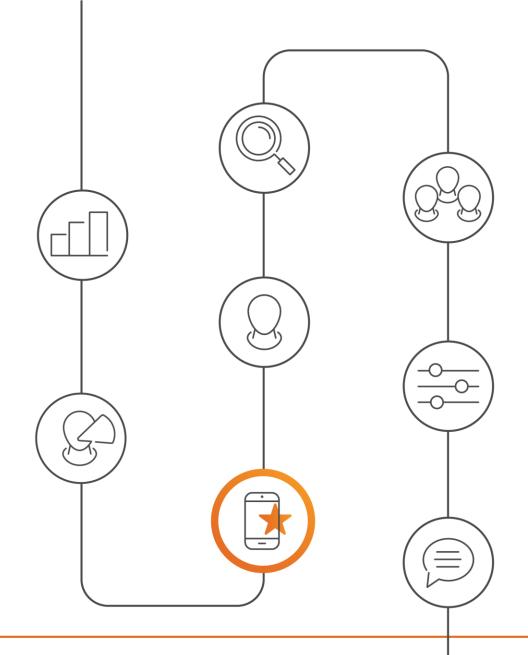




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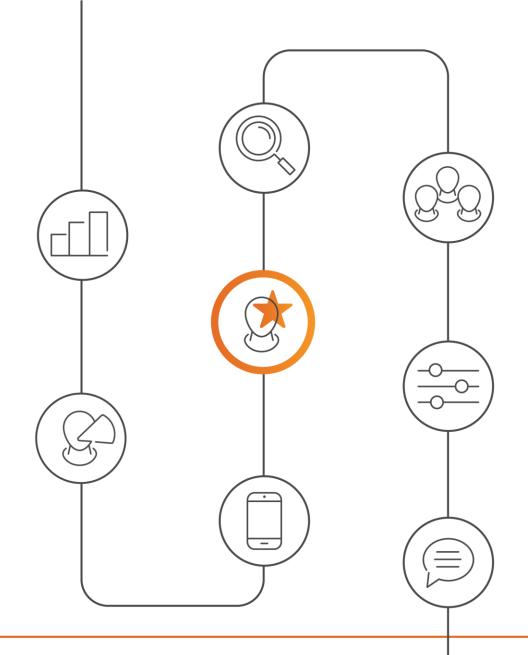


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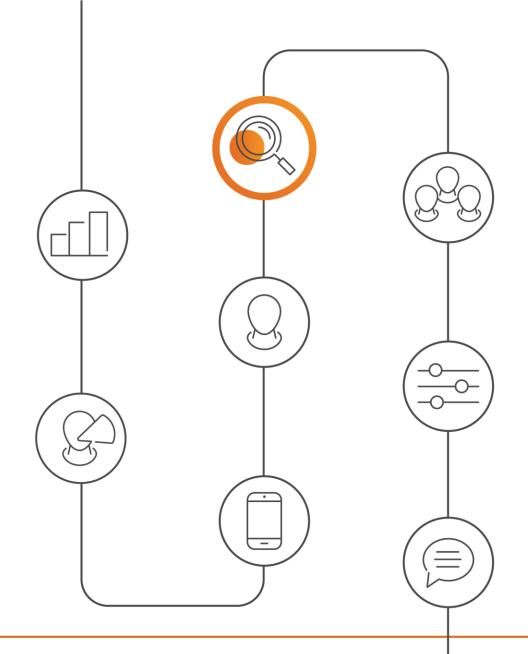
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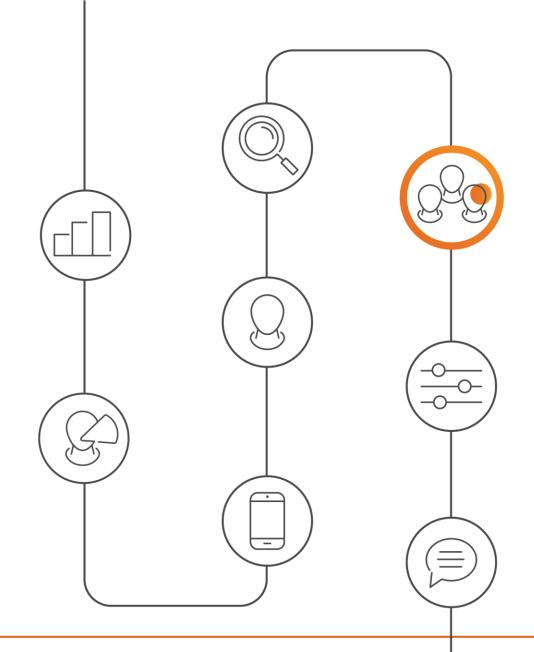
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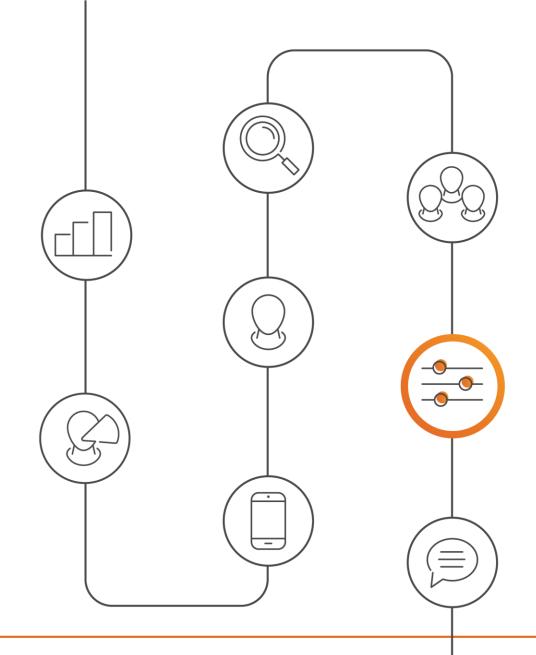
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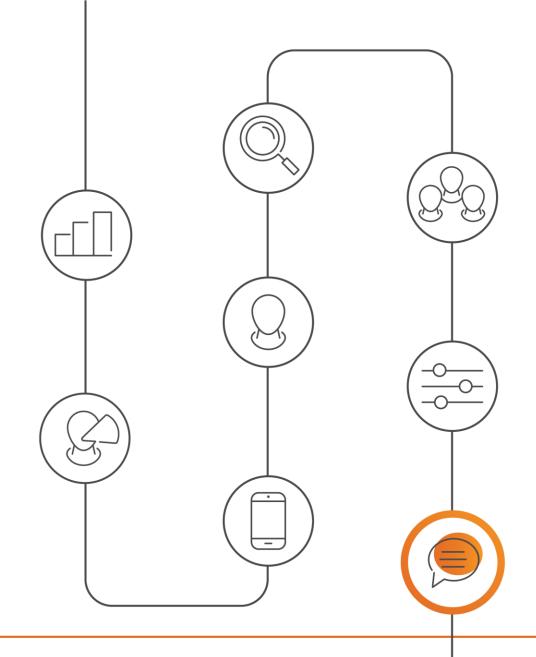
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### **The Future**

Although we have identified these eight areas of interest, we are keeping our minds and process flow open for what may arise as part of our initiative.

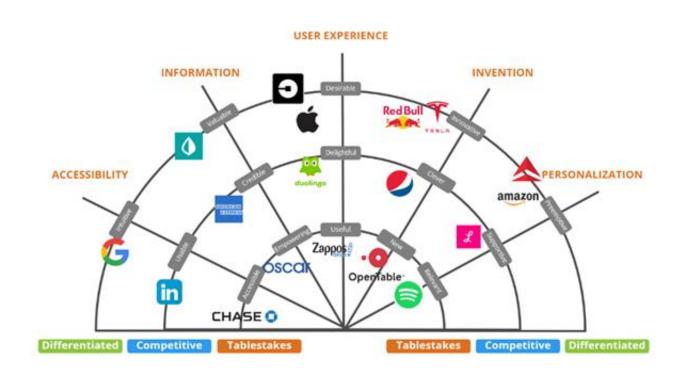
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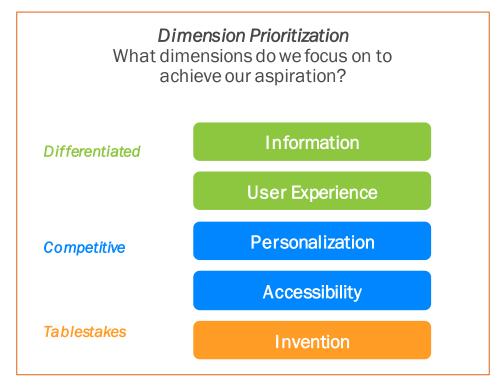




## **BRAND ENGAGEMENT DIMENSIONS**









## **CAPABILITIES ASSESSMENT**



Effective customer engagement requires capabilities spanning the areas of go-to-market, operations, and technology. This is the "The What"—foundational capabilities OPPD needs to have in order to achieve the North Star.

Capabilities focused on driving the development and maintenance of the enabling technology platform

- Information Technology
- Digital Experience Technology
- Data



Capabilities focused on establishing and growing the business

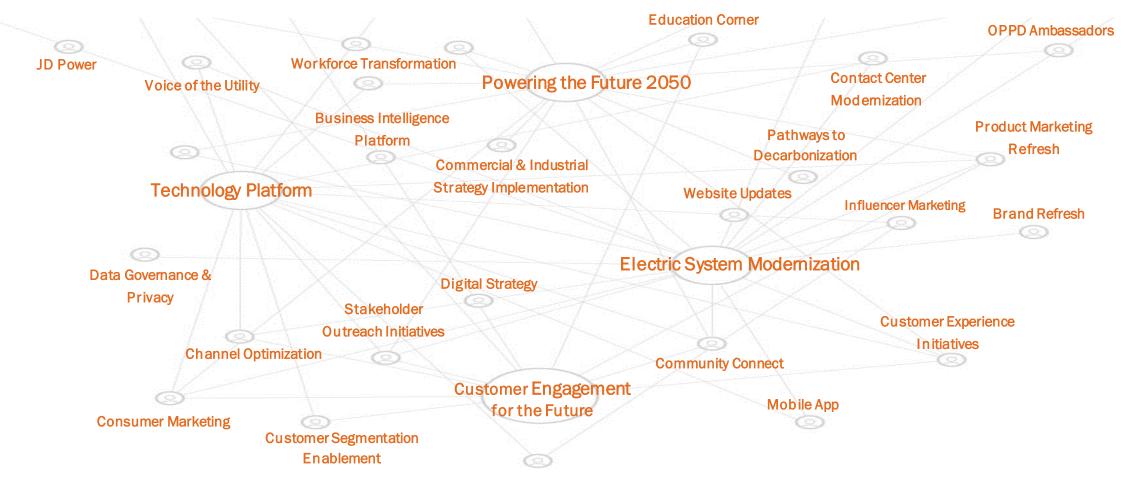
- Marketing
- Measurement
- Sales & Account Management
- Product & Services

Capabilities focused on operating and supporting the business

- Human Resources
- Revenue Management
- Regulatory
- Deliver Services
- Operations



### **CONNECTING WORK**





### ONLINE AND OFFLINE ENGAGEMENT

Treat our employees as our first customer

Build an emotional connection with customers

Get real (time) about feedback

Focus furiously on individual customer needs

Practice social listening

Use AI (artificial intelligence) to your advantage

Prove that we really, really appreciate our customers

Freshen things up with live chat

Speak human

Encourage engagement

Build a customer-first culture

Think different, think ahead

Harness hand-held technology

Grow up socially

Get our UX (user experience) on

Gamifyit

Get physical with digital

Personalize it

Show, don't tell (with video)

Make it happen with events



### **INVESTMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY**

Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

Content Management

Omni-Channel Marketing

Customer Data Platform (CDP)

Marketing Automation

Digital Asset Management (DAM)

Consent and Preference Management

Digital Ethics

Work and Inventory Management

Personalization

Enterprise Listening

Descriptive & Predictive Analytics

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Data Visualization

Customer Notifications

Cross-Channel Customer Identity

Digital Experience (DX) Channels

Text, Chat, Blog

Live Reviews



### **NEXT STEPS: SCAN THE ENVIRONMENT**

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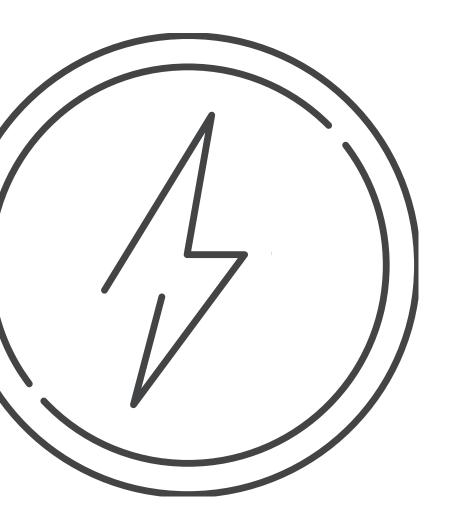
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- Internal interviews
- External interviews and outreach
- Voice of the District engagement survey
- Gap analysis, heuristics assessment
- Research best practices, industry benchmarking

- Conversations with leaders of customer engagement (local and national)
- Synthesize insights from existing surveys and materials
- Begin to explore youth engagement
- Begin discussions around customer engagement metrics
- Continue alignment with other Strategic and District-level initiatives





## ENERGIZED FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

There's no question — customer engagement will power our future and result in OPPD becoming a trusted energy provider to our thousands of customers. Thank you for your unconditional support of this initiative.

Now go forth and engage...





## **OUR STORY, OUR GUIDING STAR**

To transform customers into loyal advocates, every touchpoint – every communication – must be authentic, focused and relevant. This is the essence of Customer Engagement and the heart of our strategic initiative. Our focus on the future is to establish an ongoing dialogue with our customers. Direct feedback gives us the data and insights to make informed, timely decisions—decisions that transform into long-term strategic plans. It's all about relationships and a determination to make life better for our customers, and ultimately, our communities.

Over the next 10 years, we will transform the way we do business. We will educate on the value of personalized customer relationships. We will develop processes and tools and will harness—more aggressively than ever before—technology, data, customer insights and two-way conversations to bring us and our customers together. We will actively and proactively work to solidify our position in their hearts and minds for years to come.

This will lead to a district-wide understanding of customer engagement, complete with customer segmentation models, personalized interactions, and the ability to turn customer insights into action. But most importantly, this will lead to life-long customer advocates who feel valued and taken care of as a part of our community.

