

#### **OPPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

#### August 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District ("OPPD" or "District") was held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Legislative Chamber, Omaha, Nebraska and via Webex audio and video conference.

Present in person at the Civic Center were Directors A. E. Bogner, M. J. Cavanaugh, S. E. Howard, J. M. Mollhoff, C. C. Moody, M. G. Spurgeon, E. H. Williams and R. M. Yoder. Also present in person were L. J. Fernandez, President and Chief Executive Officer, S. M. Bruckner of the Fraser Stryker law firm, General Counsel for the District, M. F. Hinners, Senior Corporate Governance Specialist, and other members of the OPPD Board meeting logistics support staff. Chair A. E. Bogner presided and M. F. Hinners recorded the minutes. Members of the executive leadership team present in person included: J. M. Bishop, K. W. Brown, S. M. Focht, T. D. McAreavey, K. S. McCormick, L. A. Olson. M. V. Pinder, and B. R. Underwood. S. A. Eidem attended the meeting as a delegate for T. R. Via. Approximately 60 attendees, consisting of OPPD employees and members of the public and media, were in attendance via Webex, and 10 members of the public and media were present at the Civic Center.

#### Board Agenda Item 1: Chair Opening Statement

Chair Bogner gave a brief opening statement, including reminders for using the Webex audio and video conferencing platform.

#### Board Agenda Item 2: Safety Briefing

J. D. Clark, Manager Protective Services, provided the safety briefing for the Civic Center. President Fernandez provided physical and psychological safety reminders, including current safety focus reminders about: (i) limiting distractions; (ii) precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses; and (iii) avoiding overexertion.

#### Board Agenda Item 3: Guidelines for Participation

Chair Bogner then presented the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting and instructions on the public comment process in the room and using Webex audio and video conferencing features.

#### Board Agenda Item 4: Roll Call

Ms. Hinners took roll call of the Board. All members were present in person.

#### Board Agenda Item 5: Announcement regarding public notice of meeting

Ms. Hinners read the following:

"Notice of the time and place of this meeting was publicized by notifying the area news media; by publicizing same in the Omaha World Herald, OPPD Outlets newsletter, oppd.com and social media; by displaying such notice on the Arcade Level of Energy Plaza; and by e-mailing such notice to each of the District's Directors on August 12, 2022.

A copy of the proposed agenda for this meeting has been maintained, on a current basis, and is readily available for public inspection in the office of the District's Corporate Secretary.

Additionally, a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for inspection on oppd.com and in this meeting room."

#### **Board Consent Action Items:**

- Item 6. Approval of the May and June 2022 Comprehensive Financial and Operating Reports, June 2022 Meeting Minutes and the August 18, 2022 Agenda
- Item 7. RFP 5976 Fall 2022 Transmission Construction Resolution No. 6514
- Item 8. RFP 5977 Nebraska City Station Unit 2 Air Preheater Replacement Baskets and Seals Materials Contract Award Resolution No. 6515
- Item 9. SD-9: Resource Planning Policy Revision Resolution No. 6516

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the consent agenda items.

Chair Bogner noted the Board discussed the action items during the All Committees meeting held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Chair Bogner then asked for public comment. There was no comment from the public in attendance at the meeting or via Webex.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

# Board Agenda Item 10: CEO Performance Review and Compensation Adjustment – Resolution No. 6517

Ms. Hinners read the following:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District that the compensation adjustment for the corporate officer, L. Javier Fernandez, President and Chief Executive Officer, as set forth on the Exhibit A attached hereto, be and hereby is approved."

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve this action item.

Director Moody explained the Board's CEO evaluation process, which included a board member survey, closed session discussions with the Governance Committee and full board, an independent conversation with President Fernandez's executive coach, and a feedback session with President Fernandez about his performance. The recommended compensation adjustment

was presented at the All Committees meeting on Tuesday, August 16. Director Moody stated there was Board consensus to support the compensation adjustment for President Fernandez, who has performed exceptionally well under dynamic, constantly changing and challenging circumstances. Director Moody highlighted President Fernandez's leadership during the historic windstorm in July 2021 that caused extensive damage and left 188,000 customers without power. Director Moody also highlighted the new executive leadership team that President Fernandez is assembling. Director Moody noted the recommended compensation adjustment is appropriate, especially when compared with investor-owned utilities, and explained that OPPD does not offer short or long term incentive compensation for the CEO.

Director Mollhoff expressed appreciation for President Fernandez and the executive leadership team that he is assembling. She expressed support for the compensation adjustment.

Director Spurgeon expressed appreciation for President Fernandez and his involvement with the community.

Director Yoder expressed appreciation for President Fernandez and expressed support for the recommended compensation adjustment.

Director Williams expressed appreciation for President Fernandez and looks forward to continuing to work with him.

Chair Bogner expressed appreciation for President Fernandez.

Chair Bogner then asked for public comment.

Mr. David D. Begley, 4611 S. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, expressed his belief that the OPPD CEO is underpaid and suggested the Board investigate short-term and long-term performance based incentive compensation plans.

There was no additional comment from the public in attendance at the meeting or via Webex.

Thereafter, the vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

# Board Agenda Item 11. Power with Purpose: Reliability / North Omaha Station Recommendation – Resolution No. 6518

Ms. Hinners read the following:

"WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 6006 on June 19, 2014 and Resolution No. 6122 on June 16, 2016 which direct the planned retirement of North Omaha Station Units 1, 2 and 3 and the refueling of North Omaha Station Units 4 and 5 from coal to natural gas only, by the end of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 6351 on November 14, 2019, authorizing what is now called the Power with Purpose projects, based on a rigorous generation and transmission planning analysis that

demonstrated new accredited electrical generation capacity, consisting of solar and natural gas assets, is required to maintain system reliability and resiliency, serve growing customer load, and retire or refuel aging generation assets at the District's North Omaha Station; and

WHEREAS, the Power with Purpose natural gas generation assets, designated as Turtle Creek and Standing Bear Lake Stations, were scheduled to come online in fully accredited capability pursuant to Southwest Power Pool standards by the end of 2023, enabling the retirement and refueling of the North Omaha Station units; and

WHEREAS, due to challenges with the federally-regulated generation interconnection process, supply chain, and other construction-related impacts to the Power with Purpose project, the District has experienced a delay in bringing online the Power with Purpose natural gas generation assets in fully accredited capability; and

WHEREAS, the District will expand partnerships with interested customers to make significant and incremental investments in Demand Side Management programs to mitigate its short term energy and capacity requirements; and

WHEREAS, OPPD's strategic commitment to net zero carbon by 2050 remains unchanged, and OPPD shall conduct all of its operations in a manner that strives to achieve this goal and related metrics as prescribed by the Board; and

WHEREAS, OPPD's management is committed to transparency and will update the Board and public on a regular basis as it relates to the regulated generation interconnection process, construction schedules, and operational updates at North Omaha Station to ensure high visibility; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Powering the Future to 2050, OPPD shall engage with local educational, public health, and community-led organizations in carrying out a process that includes engaging the North Omaha community in understanding the benefits and developing action plans to reduce overall impacts related to ongoing operations at North Omaha Station for area residents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Board's Strategic Directive 4, addressing system reliability, and to maintain compliance with applicable federal reliability standards and assure the continued reliability and resiliency of the OPPD system, Management of the District has determined that it is necessary and prudent to extend the retirement of North Omaha Station Units 1, 2 and 3 and delay the refueling of Units 4 and 5 until the Power with Purpose natural gas units are able to generate electricity, have executed the required agreements and completed any potential required infrastructure or other obligations set forth in both the Generation Interconnection Agreement and Transmission Service Agreements and are able to operate in an unconditional, fully accredited capability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District hereby approves an extension to the retirement of North Omaha Station Units 1, 2, and 3 and the refueling to natural gas of North Omaha

Station Units 4 and 5 until the District's Standing Bear Lake Station and Turtle Creek Station, currently under construction are completed, able to achieve full accreditation pursuant to achieving both the required executed agreements as well as satisfying all requirements of the Southwest Power Pool for generation interconnection and transmission service, and Management of the District hereby is authorized and directed to carry out any and all necessary actions to implement this resolution."

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve this action item.

Chair Bogner noted the public's interest in this topic and explained the Board would first ask clarifying questions of the management team, then take public comment, and then conduct its discussion before voting.

Director Howard questioned the lack of a definitive deadline in the resolution. President Fernandez explained management needs flexibility because there are many factors out of OPPD's control that will affect OPPD's ability to permanently interconnect Standing Bear Lake Station and Turtle Creek Station to the grid. With respect to continued efforts to pursue decarbonization, he suggested revisions could be made to Board policy SD-7: Environmental Stewardship, regarding goals for reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.

Director Moody asked President Fernandez to summarize the problem facing the District. President Fernandez explained that when any utility builds new generation, the utility must coordinate with other utilities and obtain approval to interconnect from its regional transmission organization. OPPD is a member of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). Because of numerous requests from other utilities within the SPP to connect new generation, there is a significant backlog in the approval process. OPPD will continue to construct the new Standing Bear Lake and Turtle Creek Station facilities, but it cannot interconnect the facilities for full operation until it receives permanent interconnection approval from SPP. In order to ensure continued, reliable, resilient electric service, the North Omaha Station units cannot be retired or refueled until the Standing Bear Lake and Turtle Creek Stations are online at full capacity.

Director Mollhoff asked how OPPD will engage with the community in North Omaha. President Fernandez noted OPPD ceased the use of coal as fuel for North Omaha Station Units 1, 2 and 3 six years ago, which has reduced emissions significantly at the Station. OPPD will engage with other organizations to identify projects to address emissions related to the extended operation of North Omaha Units 4 and 5 on coal.

Director Spurgeon asked about the consequence of moving forward with plans to retire and refuel North Omaha Station before interconnecting Standing Bear Lake and Turtle Creek Stations. President Fernandez explained that, without the capacity of North Omaha Station in its current configuration, there could be adverse impacts to reliable electric operations, including possible regional blackouts, which may occur on the hottest and coldest days of the year.

Director Williams summarized the proposed resolution. He asked B. R. Underwood, Vice President – Systems Transformation, to explain potential operational changes at North Omaha Station. Mr. Underwood explained that the District is required to operate within a strict regulatory framework. For example, any outage for maintenance must be coordinated with the SPP. OPPD must also operate based on system need. For example, if there is an extreme weather event and

the system requires a generator, OPPD must provide it. Mr. Underwood highlighted that OPPD publishes its emissions on oppd.com.

Director Williams inquired about the progress of the retirement and conversion of the North Omaha Station units. S. A. Eidem, Director Engineering Services, explained the projects that were in progress to convert Units 4 and 5 from coal to natural gas, and noted that that process will continue with the extension of the refueling and retirement dates at North Omaha.

Director Yoder inquired about the SPP interim interconnection approval process. President Fernandez explained the interim interconnection approval is for one year at a time. OPPD would need to apply for renewal each year, and therefore is not able to plan in the same way as it can with final and permanent generation interconnection approval.

Director Moody inquired about the SPP interconnection study. President Fernandez explained that the SPP could require additional investments in transmission assets be made within the SPP region before authorizing OPPD's interconnection.

Director Yoder inquired about environmental impacts. President Fernandez explained that OPPD does not have any plans to burn any more coal at North Omaha Station than is already burned today. He noted OPPD has reduced carbon dioxide and other emissions by converting North Omaha Station Units 1, 2 and 3 from coal to natural gas and emissions will continue to be reduced when Units 4 and 5 are converted to natural gas fuel.

Chair Bogner then asked for public comment.

Mr. Preston Love, Jr., representing the North Omaha community, stated that he understood and appreciated OPPD's explanation for the proposed extension, but expressed disappointment in the recommended delay to retire and refuel North Omaha Station and said that OPPD has broken the public trust. He asked OPPD to consider developing a comprehensive community compact to engage with the North Omaha community.

Mr. David D. Begley, 4611 S. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, presented the Board with materials attached to these minutes and expressed disapproval of the Power with Purpose generation project.

Ms. Juanita Johnson, 2520 Franklin Street, Omaha City Council Member representing District 2, noted that she spoke previously with President Fernandez. She expressed appreciation for the information provided during the meeting and disappointment about having to change the prior decision to refuel and retire the North Omaha units. She asked OPPD to educate the community about the proposal and requested the Board delay its vote.

Ms. Kelly Kelly, 4875 Oaks Lane, Omaha, representing the Nebraska Poor People's Campaign, requested the Board delay its vote on this matter for 30 days.

Mr. David Corbin, 1002 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, representing the Nebraska Sierra Club, stated his chapter is willing to help OPPD make connections with the community and requested the Board delay its vote.

Mr. Ken Winston, representing Nebraska Interfaith Power and Light, 1327 H Street, Lincoln, was involved with the 2014 Board decision to retire and refuel North Omaha Station. Nebraska

Interfaith Power and Light opposes the recommendation to continue burning coal at North Omaha Station and recommended certain amendments to the resolution.

Mr. Alan Volvolka, 3719 Hamilton Street, Omaha, expressed disappointment in the delay to retire North Omaha Station. He encouraged OPPD to move forward with its plans to decarbonize.

Ms. Katherine Finnegan, 3326 S. 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, representing Citizens Climate Lobby, expressed appreciation for the complex nature of the problem. The Citizens Climate Lobby looks forward to seeing OPPD's plans and progress on reducing pollution and revisions to Board policy SD-7: Environmental Stewardship.

Mr. Mark Welsch, 5611 Howard Street, Omaha, representing Nebraskans for Peace, implored OPPD to make things better for the North Omaha community.

Mr. John Pollack, 1412 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, expressed support for delaying the vote and improving community engagement and outreach.

There was no additional comment from the public in attendance at the meeting or via Webex.

The Board took a break at 6:56 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

The Board next conducted a discussion of the proposed resolution.

Director Williams provided a summary of the recommendation and the difficulties in balancing the three parts of OPPD's mission to provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services to customer-owners. OPPD is limited in the number of ways it can provide reliability.

Director Howard acknowledged the District is in a difficult position. She recalled during her first months on the Board in February 2021, OPPD experienced the polar vortex event and conducted controlled outages to maintain system reliability. She expressed appreciation for the language in the resolution regarding public health and community.

Director Cavanaugh stated this delay does not change the District's overall plans and goals. The District's mission is to provide reliable electricity and passing this resolution is prudent.

Director Spurgeon expressed appreciation for the public's engagement in this important issue.

Director Moody expressed appreciation to the OPPD staff for bringing this important issue to the Board. He thanked the public for engagement and noted the resolution includes language shaped by input from the community. He does not support a delay in the Board's vote.

Director Mollhoff stated this recommendation was brought to the Board in June. OPPD began engaging with stakeholders in the community, who expressed disappointment in the delay and acknowledged the importance of reliability. She does not support a delay in the Board's vote.

Director Yoder stated it would be irresponsible for the Board to delay making a decision. He said he acknowledges the 2014 promise to the community has been broken. He also believes the language of the proposed resolution can be improved.

Chair Bogner stated the Board received more comments about the controlled outages that occurred during the February 2021 polar vortex than it has received for this particular matter. She emphasized this is a temporary delay in the retirement and refueling of North Omaha Station.

Director Williams expressed appreciation for all who were involved in revising the resolution to include language about public health and community engagement. He acknowledged the complex and technical nature of the problem facing the District and communication challenges. He expressed gratitude to the employees of North Omaha Station who have, for decades, provided reliable electric service.

Director Yoder then made a motion to amend the resolution as shown in the underlined text below. He read the following:

"WHEREAS, the District will expand partnerships with interested customers in all classes to make significant and incremental investments in Demand Side Management programs to mitigate its short term energy and capacity requirements and to reach its Board approved long term Demand Side Management/Energy Efficiency goal of 300MW as set forth in Board Resolution No. 6006 (June 2014);"

Director Yoder explained the 300 MW goal is a restatement of what the Board has already approved.

Chair Bogner asked if there was a second. The motion died for lack of a second.

Director Yoder then made a motion to amend the resolution as shown in the underlined text below. He read the following:

"WHEREAS, in accordance with Powering the Future to 2050, OPPD shall engage with local educational, public health, and community-led organizations in carrying out a process that includes engaging the North Omaha community in understanding effects the benefits and developing action plans to reduce overall undesired impacts related to ongoing operations at North Omaha Station for area residents:"

Director Yoder explained this proposed language is responsive to community comments.

Chair Bogner asked if there was a second. Director Williams seconded the motion.

Director Williams explained he believes the word "benefits" is important to retain in the resolution because the Board should consider the benefits that come from ongoing operations of North Omaha Station.

Director Moody expressed disagreement with the proposed amended language.

There was no additional comment from the Board on the motion to amend. Chair Bogner asked Ms. Hinners to call roll.

The vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – No; Cavanaugh – No; Howard – No; Mollhoff – No; Moody – No; Spurgeon – No; Williams – No; Yoder – Yes. The motion to amend failed. (1-7).

Director Yoder then made a motion to amend the resolution as shown in the underlined text below. He read the following:

"WHEREAS, OPPD intends to retire North Omaha Station (NOS) Units #1 #2, #3 and refuel North Omaha Station Units #4 & #5 as soon as feasible and commits to reducing the three year rolling average of each of the monitored emissions from NOS #4 & #5 annually:"

Director Yoder explained this language reaffirms the District's commitment to reduce emissions.

Chair Bogner asked if there was a second. Director Howard seconded the motion.

Director Howard commented that the amendment seems redundant.

Director Yoder asked President Fernandez for his perspective on the proposed amendment. President Fernandez expressed it would be difficult for the District to commit to such language for safety and reliability reasons.

Director Williams commented that this resolution was not the appropriate way to consider or implement emissions reductions. He believes the Board and staff should discuss metrics separately from this resolution.

Director Howard stated that she appreciated the discussion and then rescinded her second of the motion to amend. Director Yoder said he appreciated the dialogue and withdrew his motion to amend.

There was no additional comment from the members of the Board. Chair Bogner asked Ms. Hinners to call roll on the resolution as originally proposed.

The vote was recorded as follows: Bogner – Yes; Cavanaugh – Yes; Howard – Yes; Mollhoff – Yes; Moody – Yes; Spurgeon – Yes; Williams – Yes; Yoder – Yes. The motion carried (8-0).

President Fernandez expressed appreciation for the Board's support. He thanked OPPD employees for their work to keep the lights on every day. He expressed gratitude for the men and women who built North Omaha Station, Fort Calhoun Station, Nebraska City Station and other facilities who used the best technology available to them at the time. He restated OPPD's commitment to decarbonization in pursuit of fulfilling its mission to provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services.

#### Board Agenda Item 12: President's Report

President Fernandez next presented the following information:

- July Baseload Generation
- July Balancing Generation
- July Renewables
- New OPPD Peak Load Record set on August 2, 2022
- Outdoor Lighting Rebates
- Payment Installment Program
- Customer Assistance Program Pilot
- Mart Sedky Corporate Leadership Award

- Honor Our Community Activities and Events, including:
  - County Fairs
  - o Open Omaha
  - Maha Festival
- Rate Design Project Third of three public board workshops scheduled for August 29 (previous workshops conducted on June 22 and August 10)
- Additional Honor Our Community Activities and Events, including:
  - United Way of the Midlands Shine Bright Event
  - Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block Event
- In Memoriam

#### Board Agenda Item 13: Opportunity for comment on other items of District Business

Chair Bogner asked for comments from the public on other items of District business.

Mr. John Pollack, 1412 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, expressed appreciation to the Board, President Fernandez and the staff for the amount of time devoted to the North Omaha Station decision. He then provided a weather update.

Mr. David Corbin, 1002 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, representing the Nebraska Sierra Club, expressed appreciation for the discussion and difficult decision that had to be made regarding North Omaha Station. With respect to the Board's rate design project workshops, he expressed his belief that fixed rates are not fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory. He also inquired about projected emissions and costs for Standing Bear Lake and Turtle Creek stations.

There was no additional comment from the public in attendance at the meeting or via Webex.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Vice President – Corporate Strategy and Governance and Assistant Secretary

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M. F. Hinners

Assistant Secretary of the Meeting

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## Midlands Voices: Pathways to Decarbonization could harm Nebraska economy

**David D. Begley** Aug 4, 2022

## avid D. Begley

The July 28 Midlands Voices piece by the Citizens' Climate Change Lobby regarding OPPD's decarbonization policy left out many important facts that OPPD ratepayers would be surprised to learn.

In 2019, OPPD adopted a goal to achieve net zero carbon by 2050. OPPD then created its Pathways to Decarbonization program. As part of that program, OPPD hired E3, Inc. to prepare a report that cost about \$1.5 million. In February of this year, the consultant's report was delivered.

In order to achieve net zero carbon, OPPD was told to build 3,800 megawatts of new wind power and 3,000 megawatts of new solar polar. The cost to save the planet did not come cheap as it would require OPPD to spend at least \$28 billion by 2050. Readers should know that OPPD only has about \$1 billion in annual revenues. If OPPD continues down this foolish and expensive pathway, electric rates will necessarily skyrocket. OPPD's misguided policy is the single biggest threat to the Nebraska economy as every person and business within OPPD's service area is required, by law, to buy electricity from the OPPD monopoly.

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Germany has been implementing net zero carbon policies for a number of years and electricity there is three times more expensive than in America. McKinsey & Company estimates that the global energy transition would require a capital expenditure of \$3.5 trillion per year. This pipe dream of a net zero carbon would require a land area roughly twice the size of California. Nebraska would have to become the Chinese solar panel state instead of the Cornhusker State.

Right now, ESI Energy, LLC (a subsidiary of NextEra Energy) is attempting to build a 3,200-acre industrial solar development for \$300 million in Cass County. There is strong local opposition to this project, in part, because this company was recently fined \$6 million and placed on probation in federal court for killing American eagles. About 80% of solar panels and solar panel materials come from China. At the June OPPD board meeting, I asked that OPPD adopt policies of not doing business with criminals and entities that benefit from slave labor. My request has not yet been adopted.

Solar and wind interests have been subsidized for decades by American taxpayers. The Des Moines Register reported that Warren Buffett's MidAmerican Energy has received \$10 billion in federal income tax credits from 2004 to 2018.

The so-called Inflation Reduction Act would continue the federal handouts with \$370 billion in free money. This includes an immediate investment tax credit of 30% for solar and wind projects and a production tax credit. The subsidy is for another decade. Arguably, the federal government would write a check to OPPD for all the expensive and unreliable solar and wind projects it builds.

With regard to delaying the closure of the coal units of North Omaha Station, I'm confident that OPPD's engineers told the Board that there was a substantial risk of forced blackouts if the initial unrealistic timeline had to be honored.

Nebraskans shouldn't be crucified by OPPD on a cross of wind turbine blades. It is imperative for the economic health of Nebraska that OPPD's Pathways to Decarbonization be stopped.

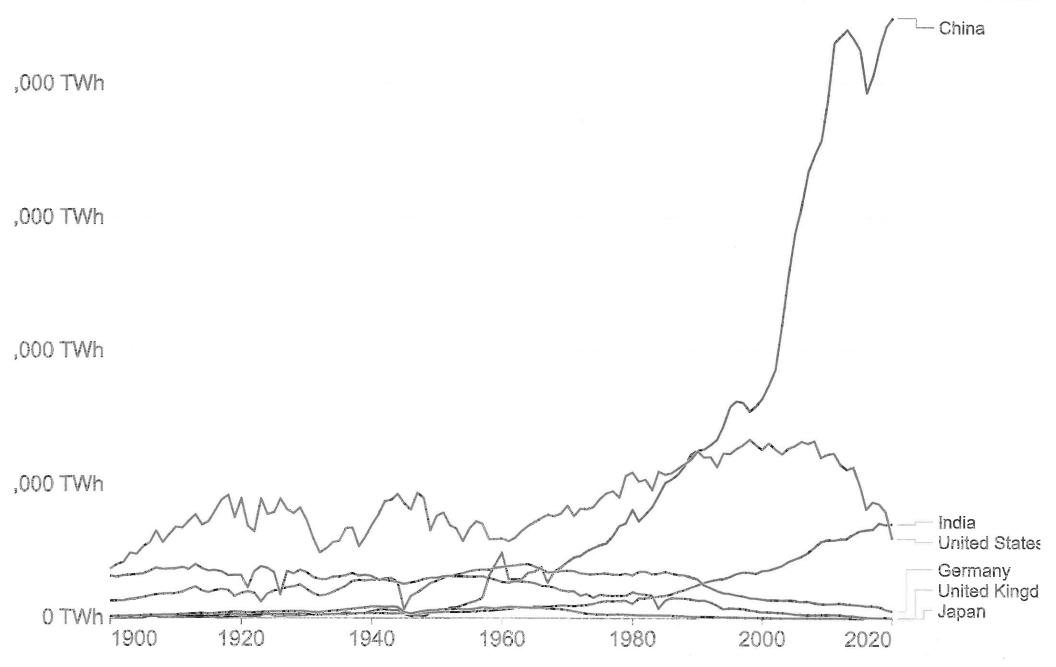
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# North Omaha Station units 4 and 5 have a nameplate capacity of 354 MW

Prepared by customer-owner David D. Begley

# CHINA

- •247 GW of coal-fired power plants planned.
- •81 GW of coal-fired power plants under construction right now.

# 1000 megawatts equals 1 gigawatt

•OPPD's NOS doesn't even produce 1% of the coal-fired power that is under construction now in China.

# Solution?

• The local opponents should stop whining and caterwauling to the OPPD Board about keeping NOS open a few more years and instead should move to China, learn to speak Mandarin and complain to President Xi about how he is destroying the Planet.

Go bother China. Leave us Americans alone.