

## Howard/McAreavey

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6733**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Directors has determined it is in the best interest of the District, its employees, and its customer-owners to establish written policies that describe and document OPPD's corporate governance principles and procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** each policy was evaluated and assigned to the appropriate Board Committee for oversight of the monitoring process; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board's Customer and Public Engagement Committee (the "Committee") is responsible for evaluating Board Policy SD-13: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement on an annual basis. The Committee has reviewed the 2025 SD-13: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Monitoring Report and finds OPPD to be sufficiently in compliance with the policy as stated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of Omaha Public Power District hereby accepts the 2025 SD-13: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Monitoring Report, in the form as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and finds OPPD to be sufficiently in compliance with the policy as stated.

## Exhibit A

## SD-13: STAKEHOLDER 10-14-25 14 OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT



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## SD-13: STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

As a publicly owned utility, OPPD is committed to engaging its customers, the community and other stakeholders.

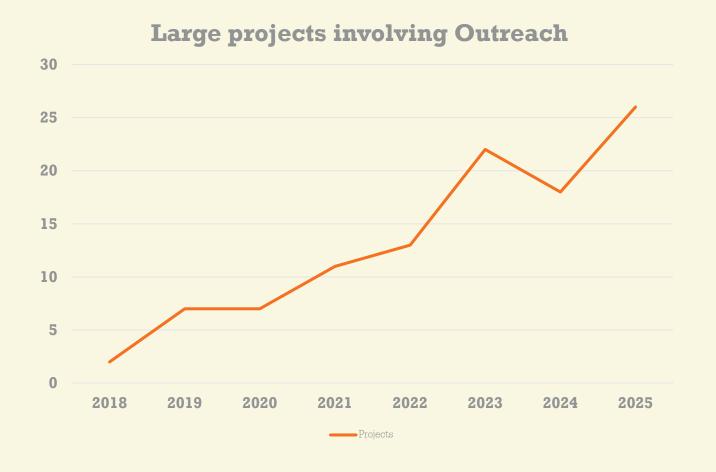
## **OPPD** shall:

- Use an integrated, clear and transparent engagement process that:
  - Provides meaningful ways for customer-owners to participate and provide feedback.
  - Is representative of the interested and/or impacted customer-owner segments that OPPD serves.
- Share context with customer-owners around key decisions.
- Continuously evaluate and improve its outreach and engagement processes.



## NUMBER OF PROJECTS NEEDING OUTREACH CONTINUES TO GROW

As our portfolio of large-scale projects increases in size, so does the need for stakeholder engagement. The projects represented here include generation, transmission, Omaha streetcar, levees and strategic directive revisions and approvals.

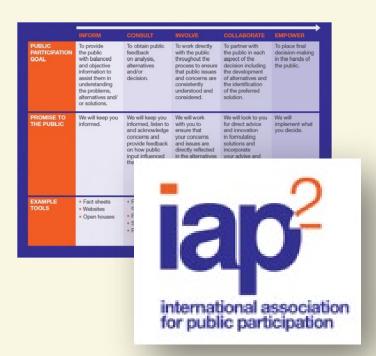




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## USE AN INTEGRATED, CLEAR AND TRANSPARENT ENGAGEMENT PROCESS.

Integrated, clear, transparent engagement process.



Meaningful ways for customerowners to participate and provide feedback.

## **In-person**

 Open houses, local leader meetings, 1:1 relationships, board meetings

## **Online**

OPPD.com, OPPDtheWire, social media, OPPDCommunityConnect

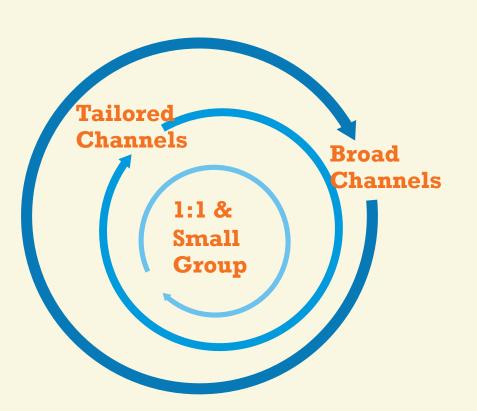
## Other

 Neighborhood, Government Affairs and Retiree newsletters; Outlets; Research; Direct mail and email Representative of the interested/impacted customer segments.





## 2 SHARE CONTEXT WITH CUSTOMER-OWNERS AROUND KEY DECISIONS.



## What this looks like for OPPD customers/stakeholders?

## **Broad channels**

**Objective: create general awareness (Inform)** 

•Social media, TheWire, Outlets, paid & earned media

## Tailored channels

Objective: target interested/impacted (Inform, Consult or Involve)

•NextDoor (by circuit), HOA newsletters, targeted email or direct mail, open houses, OPPDCommunityConnect

## 1:1 & small groups

Objective: relationship based (Inform, Consult, Involve and/or Collaborate

•Government relations, Account managers, Economic Development, community leaders







Ribbon cutting and groundbreaking event

## Know, Feel, Do

**Know:** Understand the work done to date as well as our future path and the need for additional generation

**Feel:** Proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together with a sense of community and purpose with other local leaders

Do: Support OPPD in the work ahead

## **Outreach and Engagement**

Speakers: Governor Pillen, Mayor Black, Omaha Chamber CEO Heath Mello, OPPD Board Chairman Matt Core, OPPD COO and VP Utility Operations Troy Via and OPPD President and CEO Javier Fernandez

Approximately 140 external guests and 90 internal guests invited

## Traditional media Coverage

• Stories: 10+

- Impressions: 20 million +
- 70% positive; 30% neutral in sentiment







## NORTH DOUGLAS COUNTY TRANSMISSION PROJECT

2024-2027

## Know, Feel, Do:

**Know:** Understand the project's needs and benefits.

Feel: Trust in OPPD

**Do:** Work together to create a smooth path to project completion

## **Outreach and Engagement**

- Communications begins early: Local leader meeting, open house and online meeting in Q4 2024, more than a year before constructions starts
  - Improving upon previous communications timelines from past transmission line upgrades
- Multiple communications with stakeholders including directly impacted landowners via letters, public hearings and 1:1 conversations
- Regular updates on project website



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## CASS COUNTY STATION GENERATION EXPANSION

2025-2029

## Know, Feel, Do

**Know:** Understand the need, customer benefits, prepare for upcoming activities

Feel: Accept the project's purpose, informed of activities

**Do:** Know where to go for project updates, communications or questions

## **Outreach and Engagement**

- Local leader meeting, nearby neighbor meeting in Q1 2025, before constructions starts
- Regular updates on project website, promoted through:
  - Meetings with residents
  - Cassgram newsletter ads
  - Signage on site
  - Geotargeted social media



## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

**Broad**, external channels continue to improve\*

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

## **Instagram launch**

1,305 followers to date (goal after 1 year: 360)

Fewer number of posts, but we reached more people.

## **Avg impressions/post:**

· Facebook

2024-25: 6,135 2023-24: 5.272

LinkedIn

2024-25: 3,914 2023-24: 3.595

· X (Twitter)

2024-25: 1,072 2023-24: 1,876

\* Scaled back content on this platform in 2024

## Lessons learned

- Professional photos perform better than graphics (right)
- Phone videos perform better than long-form videos (shorter and easier to digest)
- Cadence of storm restoration posts hits the sweet spot (2-3x/day v. 10x/day in past)
- Followers love behindthe-scenes work. <u>First</u> <u>viral video</u> of turbine rebuild at NOS



## **OPPD.COM**

Page views: 8.9 million

**Improvements:** Content audit, updated and refined navigation adjustments in progress; GIS map to better display director areas; new outage map & customer platform.

\* Measurement period: 9/1/2024 through 9/26/2025



## CONTINUOUSLY EVALUATE AND IMPROVE ITS OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT PROCESS.

## **Expanding Access**

- Spanish outreach (Telemundo, partners)
- Instagram launch (younger audiences)
- OCC Board
   Contact Form

## **Agility & Responsiveness**

- AMI soft launch iteration
- Cass County realtime updates
- Explaining "why not" on feedback

## **Strategic Maturity**

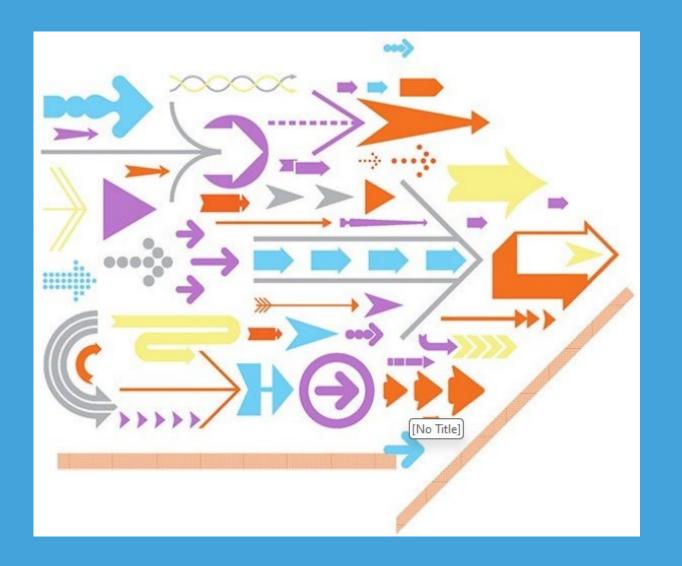
- IAP2 maturity (timing, tone)
- Cross-team alignment
- Stronger storytelling

## RECOMMENDATION

• The Customer & Public Engagement Committee has reviewed and accepted this Monitoring Report for SD-13 and recommends that the Board find OPPD to be sufficiently in compliance with Board Policy SD-13.

## Any reflections on

what has been accomplished, challenges and/or strategic implications?





## **Action Item**

October 14, 2025

## **ITEM**

SD-13: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Monitoring Report

## <u>PURPOSE</u>

To ensure full Board review, discussion and acceptance of SD-13: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Monitoring Report.

## **FACTS**

- a. The first set of Board policies was approved by the Board on July 16, 2015. A second set of Board policies was approved by the Board on October 15, 2015.
- b. Each policy was evaluated and assigned to the appropriate Board Committee for oversight of the monitoring process.
- c. The Customer and Public Engagement Committee is responsible for evaluating Board Policy SD-13: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement.
- d. The Customer and Public Engagement Committee has reviewed the SD-13: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Monitoring Report, as outlined on Exhibit A, and is recommending that OPPD be found to be sufficiently in compliance with the policy as stated.

## **ACTION**

The Customer and Public Engagement Committee recommends Board approval of the 2025 SD-13: Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Monitoring Report.

RECOMMENDED:

APPROVED FOR REPORTING TO BOARD:

Signed by:

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Attachments: Exhibit A – Monitoring Report Resolution