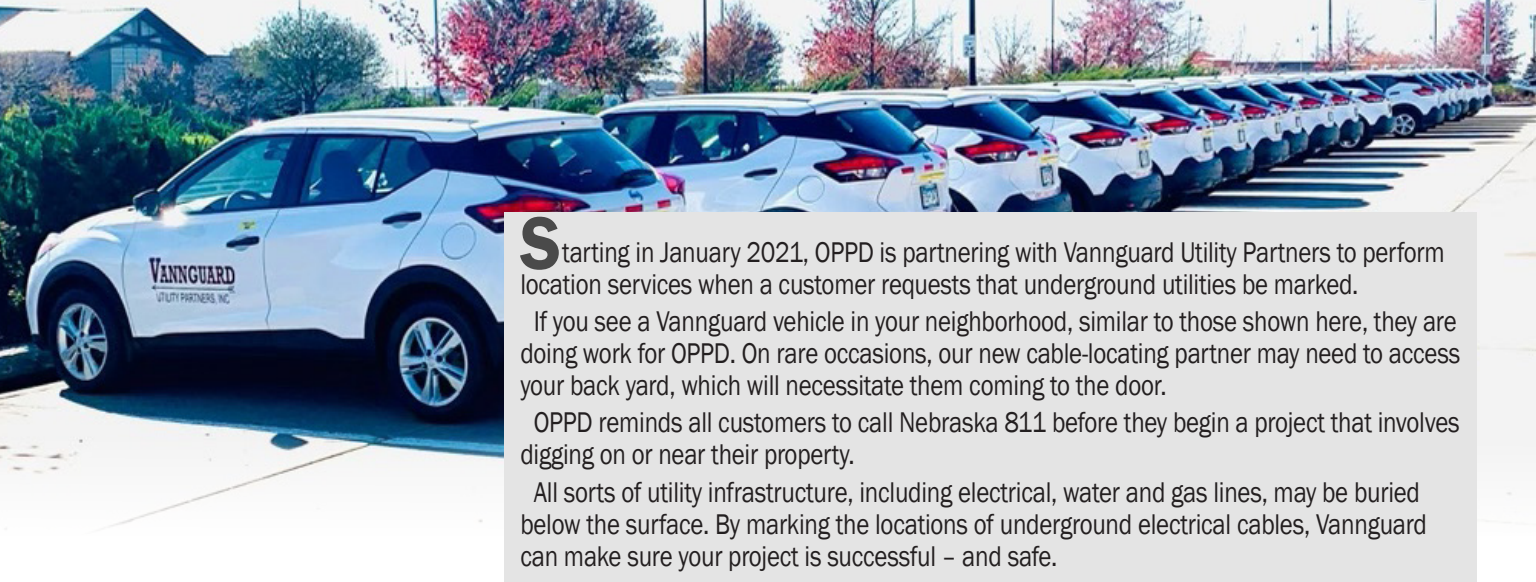


# Vannguard to perform OPPD cable-locating services



**S**tarting in January 2021, OPPD is partnering with Vannguard Utility Partners to perform location services when a customer requests that underground utilities be marked.

If you see a Vannguard vehicle in your neighborhood, similar to those shown here, they are doing work for OPPD. On rare occasions, our new cable-locating partner may need to access your back yard, which will necessitate them coming to the door.

OPPD reminds all customers to call Nebraska 811 before they begin a project that involves digging on or near their property.

All sorts of utility infrastructure, including electrical, water and gas lines, may be buried below the surface. By marking the locations of underground electrical cables, Vannguard can make sure your project is successful – and safe.

## No rate increase in 2021

**Corporate Operating Plan has no general rate increase for fifth straight year, supports five key strategic initiatives.**

The OPPD Board of Directors approved the district's 2021 Corporate Operating Plan (COP) in December. For the fifth consecutive year, the COP reflects the utility's commitment to no general rate increase through 2021.

The 2021 COP also calls for no increase in the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPPA), commonly used in the industry to address costs outside of a utility's control, such as fluctuating fuel prices and power bought on the market.

### COP supports strategic initiatives

The plan shows OPPD's commitment to its mission of serving its customers with affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services.

As expressed in the 2021 COP, OPPD contin-

ues to pursue five key strategic initiatives that will shape the utility for decades to come:

- Pathways to Decarbonization, which will examine the long-term balance of generation to meet our customer's load with decarbonization efforts to help OPPD meet its goal of being a net-zero carbon emitter by 2050
- Customer Engagement, an initiative aimed at helping the district meet customers' needs and expectations now and into the future
- Electric System Evaluation and Modernization, which will study a number of grid-related areas, including maintenance, inspections, smart technology and worker mobility, among other areas

- Technology Platform, which will develop a scalable and secure digital ecosystem to enable OPPD to extend technology to customers and employees in new ways
- Transforming the Workplace, an initiative that will enable OPPD to determine how its workplace will evolve amid the rapidly changing utility industry

In addition to these initiatives, the 2021 COP supports the work of a cross-functional team to move forward on the district's Power with Purpose project, approved by the board in November 2019 (see story on back).

PwP will add utility-scale solar and back-up natural gas generation to support load growth in the area and capacity requirements, while maintaining system reliability and resiliency.

## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETINGS

**Committee:** Tuesday, Feb. 16 (see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for time and how meeting will be conducted). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m. (see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for how meeting will be conducted). Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting).

# Outlets

### OUR MISSION

Provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services to our customers.

Your Energy Partner<sup>®</sup>  
**OPPD**  
Omaha Public Power District



## Contractors help OPPD with project work

OPPD employees and contractors work diligently every day to safely provide you with reliable power.

More than 1,800 employees handle day-to-day operations. You may notice our white and orange utility vehicles driving around your neighborhood.

OPPD contractors help with tasks such as

tree-trimming, transformer maintenance, ground line inspection and cable location (see related story on front), to name a few.

Contractors may sometimes need access to your yard, depending on the nature of the job.

In such cases, you will receive advance notification or they will leave behind a door-hanger that highlights the work being done. Many

contractor vehicles are marked as “OPPD contractors.”

Their vehicles typically are marked with their company logo, such as the examples shown above.

If you have questions about work in your neighborhood, please contact OPPD Customer Service at 402-536-4131.

## PwP project funding included in 2021 Corporate Operating Plan

OPPD’s 2021 Corporate Operating Plan includes funding for the district’s Power with Purpose (PwP) project.

Most of this funding would go toward construction of modernized natural gas plants that will back up 400 to 600 megawatts of the project’s utility-scale solar generation.

Construction for this project is not expected to impact OPPD’s rates. The natural gas facilities are expected to operate 5% to 15% of the time, as needed, per market conditions.

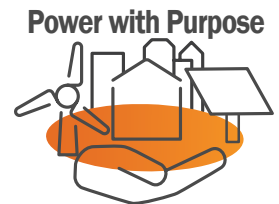
The PwP project team is analyzing solar power proposals, and is currently focusing on seven potential projects in six counties, in or near OPPD’s service area.

These counties include Washington, Cass, Burt, Saunders and Nemaha, among others. No projects have been finalized at this time.

OPPD continues its PwP stakeholder outreach efforts, which have included online meetings, direct mailers and communication through

[OPPDCommunityConnect.com](http://OPPDCommunityConnect.com), our public engagement platform. You can visit this site by scanning the QR code below on your smartphone.

Our community outreach channels also include [OPPDtheWire.com](http://OPPDtheWire.com), social media and this newsletter, among other avenues.



**7" x 2.5" AD SPACE AVAILABLE IN 2021** Proceeds benefit EAP. For details, please email [outreach@oppd.com](mailto:outreach@oppd.com).

## 14th annual event raises funds for utility assistance

### Virtual Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth Saturday, March 6, 2021

The event will be held virtually this year and the need is greater than ever!

As a result of COVID-19, a record number of customers have requested energy assistance.

Proceeds benefit those in need with energy-related expenses.

Information and virtual registration is available at [heatthestreetsomaha.com](http://heatthestreetsomaha.com).



**Thanks in advance for your support!**