

OPPD generation plan responds to all four of OTOC's key elements

Leaders of Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) are celebrating the historic decision made by the Omaha Public Power District Board (OPPD) at their June 19th meeting to stop burning coal in North Omaha and commit the region's energy



OTOC leaders advocated at May and June Board meetings for 4 key elements and the OPPD Board responded by adopting a hybrid plan that responded to all 4 OTOC elements.

future to increasing sustainable energy sources and increasing efficiency and conservation in order to reduce overall demand.

OTOC leaders were not

satisfied with any of the 5 generation options that were presented to the



Forty five OTOC leaders met with OPPD Staff and Environmental experts in March to learn about how OPPD generates electricity and it must change.

OPPD Board in May. Instead, at the May Board meeting, OTOC asked the Board to come up with a hybrid plan that addressed four key positions which OTOC identified as essential to any long term generation plan. Over

160 clergy, faith and community leaders signed an OTOC statement supporting those four positions. The OPPD Board adopted a plan which adopted all four OTOC positions. OTOC leaders will hold an Accountability Session in September with candidates for the OPPD Board.

OTOC Position One: Stop burning coal at the North Omaha plant as quickly as possible.

First 5 Plans Proposed in May: All of the plans continued to burn coal in North Omaha into the future

Final Plan: Stop burning coal in units 1,2,3 by 2016; retrofit units 4 and 5 to burner cleaner coal by 2016 and convert to gas no later than 2023.

OTOC Position Two: Use natural gas only as a means of meeting peak demand, not as a means to generate base load

First 5 Plans Proposed in May: Convert some North Omaha units to gas and continue to burn base load

Final Plan: Convert units 4 & 5 in North Omaha to gas units that will be used principally to burn peak load in the summer.

OTOC Position Three: Continue to promote and develop renewable energy sources, especially wind and solar, so that renewable sources are at least 33% of OPPD's energy mix by 2018 and every year after.

First 5 Plans Proposed in May: All 5 plans indicated renewable energy sources would drop from 33% to about 20% of OPPD's energy mix over the next 20 years

Final Plan: Renewable sources will remain at a minimum at 32% of OPPD's energy mix for 20 years.

OTOC Position Four: Actively promote conservation and energy efficiency by residential and commercial customers in order to reduce energy demand by 1% per year

First 5 Plans Proposed in May: Only one of the five plans included demand reduction, and that one only proposed reduction of 100MWH

Final Plan: Includes mandate to develop programs to reduce demand by 300 MWH over 20 years