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OPPD Names New CEO

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - The Omaha Public Power District board decided to stick with its original choice for the utility's next chief executive after completing a second search.

The utility said Wednesday that current OPPD vice president Tim Burke was again chosen from a field of finalists. The board is scheduled to vote on his selection at its meeting Thursday.

OPPD was criticized in January after its initial CEO search was conducted mostly in secret. The utility also refused to identify the original finalists.

The board said in January it wanted Burke to replace retiring CEO Gary Gates, but then it reopened the search. Burke and three other finalists interviewed with the board this month and met with the public.

Burke's salary will increase to \$419,217 from his current \$356,605 if the board approves.

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