Omaha Public Power District urging energy conservation

(KLZA)-- Omaha Public Power District is proactively asking their customers in Southeast Nebraska, to conserve energy for the next several days to help keep our systems and your homes and businesses safe and energized.

The request is made due to the dangerously cold temperatures that continue throughout the OPPD service territory.

As of this time, regional transmission organization, Southwest Power Pool, has not called upon member utilities in 14 states to curtail energy usage.

Taking these three easy steps not only benefits our customers, but our neighbors, during the ongoing deep chill:

- 1. Lower your thermostat by two to four degrees below your normal temperature.
 - 2. Avoid using appliances like your washer or dryer or dishwasher, especially during the peak usage times of 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.
- 2. 3. Prepare for the <u>potential of power outages</u> related to weather or other causes over the next several days by ensuring you have supplies like flashlights, warm clothes and blankets handy. Charge electronic devices such as laptops and cell phones.

Be sure to report unplanned outages via our <u>OPPDConnect app</u>, at <u>OPPD.com</u>, or by calling 1-800-554-OPPD (6773), so that we are aware and can respond as quickly as safely possible.

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