

Hello, customers and teammates,

Momentum isn't accidental. It comes from consistent, strategic decisions. At NPPD, we're advancing public power through smart financing tools, new research and innovative technologies, all while staying focused on our customers. Today's updates show purposeful progress and how we're preparing for the next generation of energy needs.

First, the board received an update on our Series A, B and C bonds, which were issued to pay for generation and transmission expenses, as well as to refund the 2015 and 2016 bonds. These generation and transmission expenses had, until now, been paid for on NPPD's variable rate programs. This bond issue represents the first of many which will finance our new generation plants.

When the sale opened on April 21, demand was remarkable. Despite a few weeks of market volatility, 81 unique investors participated, which is significantly above the average for unique investors in a bond transaction. The total bond size was about \$825.6 million, and we received \$3.8 billion in orders, which was more than four and a half times what was available. This reflects confidence in NPPD's credit profile and the effectiveness of our premarketing efforts. That strong investor interest allowed us to improve pricing and generate \$4.1 million in debt service savings over the life of the bonds. In addition, the refunding of the 2015 and 2016 bond provided a total net present value savings of \$20.8 million.

We closed the bond issue on May 12. This event exceeded expectations across pricing, investor diversity, and overall execution. An immense thank you to our internal financial team and our many partners who helped us achieve this outcome. It's a success worth celebrating as we prepare for our next bond issuance later this year.

The board was also updated on Strategic Directive 11, which guides research and development that advances the energy industry while aligning with NPPD's strategy and customer interests. We also heard from the University of Nebraska- Lincoln's Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research. NPPD invests \$1.5 million annually in the center, supporting research that produces new technologies and improves energy systems. Since its creation, these projects have generated hundreds of millions of dollars in economic benefit for Nebraskans. Partnerships like these help us explore advancements and find applicable applications relating to nuclear energy, low carbon resources, energy storage, and more.

Finally, the Board heard updates on carbon emission reductions, energy efficiency, and electrification. These efforts are central to our long-term strategy and guided by several

strategic directives, including SD-05, which includes our goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. We're making significant progress: since 2005, our carbon intensity is down 40% for NPPD's share and 50% for native load. Total emissions have declined 21% and 38%, respectively.

We continue to rely on Cooper Nuclear Station as a pivotal carbon-free baseload resource, and we're exploring small modular reactors, carbon free market purchases, and carbon capture technologies for our coal facilities to continue reducing emissions. At the same time, our energy efficiency and electrification programs help customers reduce energy use and cost, support smart load growth, and maintain the reliability and resiliency our system is known for.

Taken together, our financial progress, research investments and carbon reduction efforts all point in the same direction. They build momentum for NPPD, but also for the future of public power in Nebraska.

Until next time, stay healthy and stay safe.

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