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Remarks to the OPPD Board of Directors
Linda Duckworth, Energy Director, League of Women Voters of Nebraska
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Good afternoon. I am Linda Duckworth, Energy Director at the League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

The League of Women Voters has consistently supported legislation to preserve our nation's natural resources and protect our public health. We support policies that seek to protect our communities from the physical, economic and public health effects of climate change while also providing pathways to economic prosperity.

The League believes that averting the damaging effects of climate change requires action from both individuals and agencies. In planning for the future it is vital that OPPD board members consider the part that OPPD must play in seeking to mitigate the harmful effects of carbon emissions on our atmosphere and on our future.

You are to be commended on beginning a path to a sustainable future with your plans to phase out all of the North Omaha coal-fired power plants and replacing them with efficiency and renewables.

But, the proposed plan – the only one put forth, unfortunately – discourages efficiency, conservation and home-grown energy such as the use of solar power. This sort of policy does not look toward a sustainable, renewable future but rather a future of climate chaos.

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska expects a better plan from you, and therefore our request today is that you table this decision for at least three months.

Thank you.