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Power Will Remain Stable Despite Rising Flood Waters, Officials Say

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The following is a press release from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency:

Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) and Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) have reported to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency that the availability of power will remain stable for Nebraskans despite rising flood waters.

Fort Calhoun is currently offline for scheduled refueling and should Cooper shut down due to increased flooding, there remains sufficient power that can be generated and/or imported to replace both of these resources.

Utilities routinely take their power plants "off-line" for maintenance. When a company shuts down one plant or unit for a maintenance outage, it continues to serve its customers from its other power plants.

Should customers' electrical load be more than the company can generate or if the market prices are more advantageous, the utility may purchase the additional power needed from other utilities in the regional or national energy market.

An estimated one million people in Nebraska are served by NPPD for their electricity while nearly 350,000 customers in east and southeast receive power from OPPD.

For more information about the NPPD visit <http://www.nppd.com/> or for OPPD, visit <http://www.oppd.com/index.htm>.



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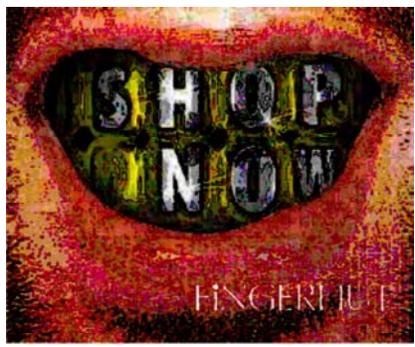
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