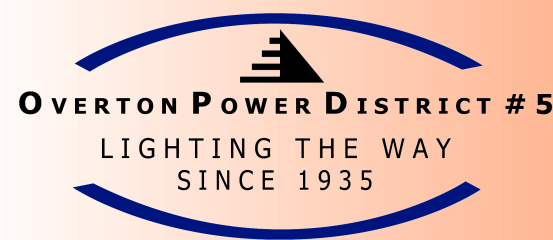


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Minutes which were recorded on November 15, 1935, state that Mr. Hardy, Mr. W. H. Lyon, and Mr. Jesse Winn had been appointed as members of the Board of Directors of Overton Power by the County Commissioner of Clark County. At that meeting, these members completed the organization of the District and appointed Mr. Lyon as President, Mr. Hardy as Treasurer, and Mr. Winn as Secretary. They setup the process of obtaining power from "Boulder Dam" and acquiring money to construct a power line.

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 enacted on May 20, 1936 provided federal loans for the installation of electrical distribution systems to serve isolated rural areas of the United States. The first of many loans from the Rural Electrification Administration was obtained by the District in 1938 to construct, operate, and maintain transmission and distribution power lines.

In August 8, 1938, the District solicited bids for the construction of the infrastructure to energize the Overton Power District No. 5 service territory. The project consisted of 24 miles of 69 KV power line commencing at Sheep Mountain Junction where it tapped to the existing Lincoln County Power District #1 transmission line. The District also planned for 69 miles of three phase 12,500 volts primary lines, 5 miles of single-phase 7,200 volts primary lines, 4 miles of secondary lines, the substations, and the services to connect approximately 350 consumers installations.

The contract was awarded to the firm Bennett and Taylor and in November 1938 the firm was given notice to begin the construction of the power lines for the District.

According to the records of the District, on May 20, 1939, three years after the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 was enacted, a program was held in Overton to celebrate the occasion of energizing the power lines in the Moapa and Virgin Valleys.

The process to bring electricity to the Moapa and Virgin Valleys was far from an easy task, it was filled with setbacks and obstacles. On May 20, 1939 through the hard work and determination of those who served on the Board in the early days of the District, their vision towards lighting the way was finally materialized.

LIKE US ON
FACEBOOK, FOLLOW
US ON TWITTER AND
INSTAGRAM @OPD5

Our Facebook page and twitter feed are valuable resources to provide our customers with news and updates whenever an unplanned power outage occurs.

You can access both thru our website, they are setup in a way that does not require you to have a Facebook or twitter account to view the information.

We also post great tips on energy conservation, safety and emergency preparedness on Instagram.

Please remember, in the event of a power outage, do not report it via Facebook or twitter, we can't guarantee the delivery of messages received via social media to the right personnel in a timely manner.

In case of an unexpected power outage, please call us at (702) 397-2512 or (702) 346-5710. Overton Power District No. 5 has personnel on standby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, including weekends and holidays to respond as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

April 17, 2019
3:00 p.m.
Mesquite Office
Engineering Building
Board Room

May 15, 2019
3:00 p.m.
Overton Office
Board Room

June 19, 2019
3:00 p.m.
Mesquite Office
Engineering Building
Board Room

Board meetings are subject to change. Please check our website, Facebook page or twitter feed a day prior to the meeting for a copy of the agenda.



This is a special edition for all of us at Overton Power District #5 as we are celebrating 80 years of the electrification of the Moapa and Virgin Valleys. The Overton Power District # 5 was created in 1935, as community members recognized the need to create a non-profit power provider to improve living conditions for the residents of the Moapa and Virgin Valleys and the importance of electricity for healthy economic growth of the region.

In 1935, when Hoover Dam was nearing completion, federal government officials realized the need to create local power districts to distribute the power generated to rural areas. These districts would be responsible to see that the electricity was properly distributed to those who resided within the communities of each newly created district.

Nevada passed statutes allowing for the creation of improvement districts and to set the guidelines on how those districts function in terms of organization, finances, and operations. Groups and communities got together, organized and applied as districts. The Nevada State Public Utilities Commission then assigned each district a number according to when they received the district's application.

Lincoln County applied first. Overton, Logandale, Moapa-Glendale, followed suit. During this process, Mesquite and Bunkerville expressed their interest to join the Moapa Valley communities, and apply instead as a group, making the region a single district. The Moapa Valley communities withdrew their first application, made the changes and resubmitted their application as Overton Power District. By the time the application was resubmitted, they become the fifth applicant in line, and that's where the District gets what we all know today as Overton Power District #5.

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Priority Customer Contact List

During an outage the District's priorities are: to restore the power in a safe and timely manner, to provide the public with outage feedback and estimated times of restoration, and to contact "Priority Service Customers".

A "Priority Service Customer" is any customer who has made a written request to the District to receive direct communication during an outage due to a medical condition. If you do have medical conditions, such as the need for oxygen, please contact us immediately to insure your name and telephone number are added to the Priority Service Customer contact list.

**Our offices will be closed on :
May 27, 2019 - Memorial Day**

Regular office hours will resume the next business day after the Holiday is observed.

Watts New

Considering Solar?

Today's consumers want and expect options, including the type of energy powering their homes. Many homeowners are looking for a less expensive form of energy with ongoing savings and some are looking for a green energy source. These two motives are why many homeowners are exploring rooftop solar panels.

The interest in alternative energy sources is also being fueled by decreasing costs for rooftop solar, the availability of financial incentives and the proliferation of companies offering solar panel installation. However, as attractive and popular as rooftop solar may appear, it is important for consumers to fully understand its true costs, the operational reality of this form of energy and actual energy savings. To determine whether rooftop solar is right for their particular situation, homeowners must undertake their due diligence.

We're here to help.

As your trusted power provider, Overton Power District #5 is here to help you during this process. After all, Overton Power District #5 has a different "bottom line" that is not directly tied to the sale of a product or service. We constantly strive to find new ways to help you use energy more efficiently.

Is rooftop solar right for you?

To help determine whether rooftop solar is right for you, it's important to consider these factors:

- ◇ Overall energy efficiency of the home/building.
- ◇ Age and pitch of the roof.
- ◇ Orientation of the sun in relation to the home/building.
- ◇ Tree coverage near the home/building.
- ◇ Weather patterns for the region.

Unlike a solar company that has one objective—to sell their products and services—our goal is to help you understand the total energy picture and help you determine if solar is the best option for your home. While rooftop solar certainly works for many people, it's not the answer for all.

Rooftop solar is not just an energy alternative decision, but a financial one. When you are discussing your energy needs with the solar providers, it is very important to ask these questions:

- ◇ Is there a large, up-front payment required or are fees spread out over time?
- ◇ Will the homeowner own the panels or will they be leased?
- ◇ Are there any hidden costs, i.e., does the roof need to be replaced before installing the panels?
- ◇ Are there ongoing maintenance fees?
- ◇ Is the estimated energy savings worth the investment?
- ◇ Is it more cost effective to invest in other energy saving measures?
- ◇ Are there rebates or other financial incentives available?

Overton Power District #5 doesn't partner with any of the solar providers. We do offer a rebate depending on the size of the system to be installed. The rebate, which will not exceed \$2,500.00, is determined by a set calculation.

Overton Power District #5 recognizes that consumer interest in green energy sources and renewables is at an all-time high, and we stand ready to help our customers determine their best options. Avoid surprises. Before you sign a purchase agreement with a solar provider, please call one of our engineers to learn more about our net metering program. Please always remember, we are here to help.

ASK KATIE

How do I sign up to receive updates via text during a power outage? It's simple, just call your nearest Overton Power District Office #5 to update your cellphone number. We can send notifications up to two cellphone numbers per account.



Energy Conservation



Energy Saving Tips Spring 2019

By Keith Buchhalter, Overton Power District #5, Public Affairs Specialist

Spring is the perfect season to spend time with family and friends, schedule activities outside the home, such as going to the park, and impress everyone with your master chef skills while grilling delicious burgers and hot dogs every weekend.

We all enjoy the outdoors, but let's not forget that Spring gives us another opportunity; the opportunity to prepare our homes for the hot Summer months. To save on your Summer electric bills, it is not necessary to spend/invest a lot of money. Just maintain the equipment that helps cool your house when the outside temperature exceeds 90 degrees Fahrenheit and inspect for possible air leaks around windows and doors.

For all of us at Overton Power District No.5, it is important to offer you tips so that you can use to prepare your home this Spring and save you money on your Summer electricity bills.

Without further ado; here it goes, our top 7 energy saving tips for Spring/Summer:

1. **Service your air conditioner.** Easy maintenance such as routinely replacing, or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Also, the first day of spring could serve as a reminder to check your air conditioner's evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.
2. **Open windows.** Opening windows creates a cross breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air conditioners. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.
3. **Use ceiling fans.** Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.
4. **Cook outside.** On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.
5. **Install window treatments.** Energy efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise. These treatments not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.
6. **Caulk air leaks.** Using low-cost caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out -- and cash in your wallet.
7. **Bring in sunlight.** During daylight hours, switch off artificial lights and use windows and skylights to brighten your home.

We hope you find these tips helpful, and remember, we post energy saving tips regularly on social media, like us on Facebook, and don't forget to follow us on Instagram and Twitter @opd5.

NEW From Overton Power District No. 5

MOBILE OUTAGE ALERTS!

We can't control nature, but we can keep you informed when the lights go out!

We are excited to announce our Mobile Outage Alert System. We will send you proactive text messages during power outages, letting you know when we expect to restore power.

If we have a valid cell phone number on file, you are automatically signed up to receive these text notifications. If you are not sure we have your cell phone number give us a call (702) 346-5710 or (702) 397-2512. We can send text alerts to two cell phone numbers on file.

Messages will be sent only when there is a confirmed power outage in your area. We understand and respect your sleep, we won't send messages from 9 PM - 6 AM unless if it's an ongoing outage.

Power outage in your area. Crews are on their way.

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