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OMPA Member City Officials

Subject: OMPA’s Response to COVID-19

Dear Members:

As you are all aware, the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to dominate the daily news and cases in Oklahoma continue to rise with each passing day. Protecting the energy grid and ensuring a safe and reliable supply of electricity are the top priorities of OMPA. In order to do this, OMPA needs to ensure that our employees and their families remain healthy and safe.

As a precaution, OMPA is suspending all non-essential work-related travel for our staff until this concern subsides. Governor Kevin Stitt issued an Executive Order to all State Agency department heads encouraging them to let all employees who can work from home to do so. Fortunately, a majority of OMPA staff have the capability to perform their work remotely. Starting tomorrow, many OMPA staff will begin working from home, as an effort to slow the potential spread of this virus. The OMPA Line Crew will continue to assist members with emergency repairs only. We have asked them to limit any interaction with outside personnel.

As stated above, reliable service to our members is one of OMPA’s top priorities. OMPA staff will still be readily available to assist our members should you need anything via email or phone call. You can also continue to call our 24/7 Operations Number at 405-340-8313. All staff that will be working remotely will have their direct line forwarded to their cell phones, so if you don’t have that staff members phone number you may call the OMPA offices as you would normally.

Management at our power plants are putting contingency plans in place to keep the generating units available.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all continue to work through this uncharted territory. We will continue to keep you updated as things progress.

Sincerely,

David Osburn
General Manager