

Scammers targeting OPPD customers

(KLZA)--Omaha Public Power District reports about 125 of their customers received calls from scammers on Wednesday.

The con is nothing new, it targets utility customers across the country, especially following large outage events like OPPD experienced Sunday. Callers try to capitalize while customers feel vulnerable.

“Spoofing’ Technology is often utilized to the caller identification appears to show a legitimate OPPD phone number. Callers pretend to be OPPD employees, demanding payment from customers on bills they claim are overdue. The caller will attempt to get their targets to give them credit card, debit or checking account information over the phone to make a payment.

OPPD stresses that none of the people demanding payments or financial information work for the utility.

OPPD reminds everyone to NEVER give personal or financial information to a stranger during an unsolicited phone call.

If such a person appears unannounced at your door, claiming to work for the utility, DO NOT allow them inside. Always ask for identification or verification.

Finally, NEVER turn off security systems for any reason if a stranger asks.

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