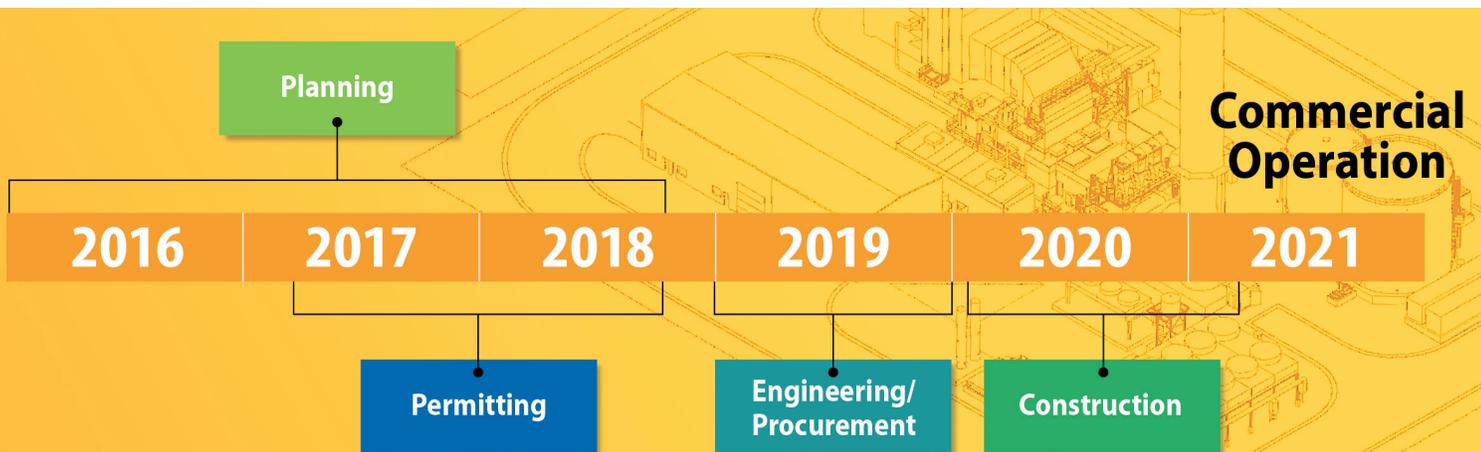


Astoria Station

Part of our commitment to low-cost, reliable, and increasingly clean energy



Astoria Station, in Deuel County, South Dakota, will help us continue to reliably and affordably serve our customers by providing energy when they need it—such as when our customers are using more energy than usual or when renewable generation conditions aren't ideal. In fact, once complete this simple-cycle natural gas combustion turbine will be able to quickly provide our customers with approximately 250 megawatts of capacity.

Our company will seek regulatory approvals, manage the construction process above, and operate the station. We expect the station to cost approximately \$165 million and to be on line in 2021.

Regional economic benefits

Tax benefits

Astoria Station will pay property tax totaling approximately \$3 million within the first five years of operation, then approximately \$1 million each subsequent year.

New jobs

During the 13-month construction period, we estimate that the project will create an average of 50 construction jobs, with a peak of 70 during the height of construction. This will equate to approximately \$30 million in construction labor costs. And, when complete, the station will require three to five full-time employees to operate it.

Infrastructure improvements

Infrastructure improvements needed for the station, such as the new electrical substation, could lead to additional commercial and industrial development in the area.

Natural gas enables renewable energy

By 2021 we project that more than 30 percent of the energy our customers use will come from renewables. But, because the sun doesn't always shine and the wind doesn't always blow, we need safe, reliable, and affordable dispatchable generation fuel sources—such as natural gas. Astoria Station will allow us to keep the lights on when we're unable to harness the sun or wind to generate energy.

About Otter Tail Power Company

Otter Tail Power Company is headquartered in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. With a balanced commitment to environmental, economic, and community stewardship, we provide electricity and energy services to more than a quarter million people in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

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