

From: [BOS Public Comment](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Subject: FW: PG&E outages
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:56:14 AM

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From: Chris Holland [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 10:11 PM
To: BOS Public Comment <BOS.PublicComment@nevadacountyca.gov>
Subject: PG&E outages

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Having endured lengthy PSPS outages in prior years, I felt I had to purchase a generator to keep some circuits going for my lodger's fridge, my two fridges, my goldfish pond aeration pumps, one TV and a phone charger for news/ evacuation info. I couldn't afford a whole house generator (to keep vital air conditioning or heating going, and my CPAP).

As a senior, it's hard to pull-start a generator, fill it with gasoline from a stock of gas cans in the garage, and run some extension cords. I'm a widow and have no family here. This year I've had a series of unexpected outages - not linked to forecasted weather events - without explanation. The quandary is whether to start the generator routine, or to sit tight without accessing food, cat food, dinner supplies, cold drinks; and to limit cellphone use. I bought a tiny "Polar Chill" swamp cooler which draws 7W and can run on a phone battery pack - enough to keep just my personal space cool during a very hot spell. I've purchased a couple of phone power packs, a solar charger, and used many AAA, AA, C and D batteries for lighting - plus propane for having to cook with a grill, all because of the frequency of these outages. My normal life cannot continue without power.

It often feels like a third world country here in Nevada County - sometimes water shut-offs for repairs/ new subdivisions; spotty trash pickup sometimes two days after scheduled, and gaps in the recycling service I pay for ("you can take it to the transfer station yourself!"); now this unpredictable electricity, even though we didn't get rolling blackouts in the heatwave.. At least in India, where my nephew's in-laws live, they know which times and days of the week they'll have power. Is our infrastructure so shaky?? And why do I have to spend so much in addition to the pricey PG&E bill, to maintain a minimum level of normalcy?

Sincerely,
Too old for survival skills
Christine Holland
Grass Valley, CA

From: [BOS Public Comment](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Subject: FW: PGE wildfire safety
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:55:22 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carla Woodside [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 8:05 PM
To: BOS Public Comment <BOS.PublicComment@nevadacountyca.gov>
Subject: PGE wildfire safety

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To Who It May Concern,

I have lived on my property for over 23 years. I am in the watershed of the Yuba River and I take my stewardship seriously. Every year we have spent a good portion of our income and energy to clearing the forest.

In the last three months PGE crews came and fell several live Ponderoas Pines saying they were a potential fire hazard. The pines came down, our road was destroyed and the brush and stumps lie as a final testament to the unconscious hazardous creating company we are victims to. I have called numerous times, only to hear someone tell me that I can dispose of the waste through Green Waste. I was told once the trees are down they are the property owners mess. We never take trees down in fire season. I am ashamed to live in a area where such poor business practices are allowedly a company we are all chained to.

I finally got an inspector from PGE to come investigate and he admitted that he has never seen such a mess. Now the same inspector just tells me that the company that was supposed to do the work quit and they have left fallen debris all over the County.

I did hire a local masticator last year to do some work and he was only available only because he was trying to keep his company alive due to the act that he worked for PGE and they did not pay him. Maybe that is why the current contractor pulled out? As a community we have a power company who has outdated equipment, their poles are causing numerous wildfires, the work they demand to be done on private property is creating a huge fire hazard and no one will be responsible for the hazards they leave in their wake.

Our current power system is outdated, the assets have been drained by greedy CEO's and we as a community are dependent on a company who could care less about its customers. PGE is as far as it comes from wildfire safety. Those two concepts do not deserve to be together.

Carla Woodside
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From: [Julie Patterson-Hunter](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#); [All BOS Board Members](#)
Subject: RE: PG&E Rough and ready power outages (correction)
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From: Sarah Reinhardt [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:30 PM
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Subject: PG&E Rough and ready power outages

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To whom it may concern,

I understand that PG&E has created a new "narrow circuit" of powerlines which are super highly sensitized with fire safety being the concern, but this new system is just not working!!!!

This system needs to be calibrated differently, because the amount of time that it takes to have the work crews check the lines and recharge the net work after a branch or a bird touches the wire is absolutely insane.

My family cannot afford a whole house generator, and we have most certainly been negatively impacted with the frequency and duration of the power outages.

Aside from the inconvenience, these power outages have real financial negative impact on individual people and families. My husband works remotely and has been unable to work during power outages.

Along with this, we have had the inability to do schoolwork online, we have had a freezer full of food go bad, my 92 year-old father was unable to come stay with us while his primary caregiver was out of town because it wasn't safe for him to be somewhere with no power, and therefore no air conditioning in record-breaking heat, along with no ability to run an air filter for the dangerous air quality levels.

THIS MAJOR PROBLEM NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED!!! Rough and Ready in particular seems to be the most highly impacted which makes no sense, as other communities in our county are possibly at even higher fire risk.

PLEASE IMPROVE THIS SITUATION, AS THE CURRENT SITUATION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!

Thank you,

Sarah Reinhardt

Joshua Broberg
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From: [dan](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Question for pge
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 1:13:22 PM

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Hi BOS

Here is a question for pge at today's meeting. When power is shut off for more than 4 hours, each customer effected by the shutoff, should be compensated \$75, by PGE for spoiled food in their refrigerator, the credit should be automatically applied to the customers bill. The current claim system is archaic, and asks for each and every item. Many individuals don't know about the claim process, as pge doesn't educate its customers on this policy. The claim policy, is not user friendly either. Pge is trying to save money from catastrophic fires, but, isn't appropriately compensating all individuals from their outages that are happening so frequently! Otherwise, the citizens should do a class action lawsuit for all damages, because these outages are happening so frequently. PG and E claim process should not be the customers responsibility, this should happen on all outages of more than four hours!!!

Automatic credit for all customers effected!

We literally loose hundreds of dollars of food during each outage.

Daniel Lisker



Sent from my iPhone