

Date: November 27, 2018

To: City Council Members and Mt. Shasta Residents

From: Bruce D. Pope, City Manager

Subject: Pacific Power Corporation meeting of 11-26-18

As announced during the 11-26-18 City Council meeting, Pacific Power Corporation held a meeting to discuss the development of a de-energizing program to be submitted, as required, to the California Public Utilities Commission

De-energizing is presently required by the California Public Utility Commission for PG&E and other major electric providers in the state. De-energizing is basically a process of shutting down the electrical power to areas subject to high wind conditions during a fire danger period.

Issues discussed at the meeting included:

1. What would constitute a de-energizing situation?
2. Defining critical facilities and identifying vulnerable populations
3. How much notice would municipal system, sewer, water, police, fire dispatch and city hall need prior to a shut-down of electrical power, de-energize?
4. How long could municipal systems remain operational in a de-energize situation?
5. How to effectively notice the public of a potential de-energize situation.
6. What mitigation measures might be employed to minimize the impacts of a de-energization event.

The technical information from this meeting will be incorporated into an overall protocol and submitted to the California Public Utility Commission for review and approval. The Commission will consider both technical information and public comments prior to final approval.

Mt. Shasta City staff will be looking at alternative ways to assist Pacific Power with notification of the public prior to a required de-energizing event. Of specific concerns are at-risk people who need electricity for medical reasons. Presently Pacific Power is looking at a 48 hour notice prior to de-energizing, if the circumstances permit. However, it is possible that a de-energizing process might have to be implemented on a shorter term due to weather conditions. Adequate public noticing under a shortened noticing period is an area that City staff and Pacific Power will be working on together to ensure as much advance public notice as possible.

PacifiCorp was gratified that the public is interested in understanding preparation in the event of a proactive de-energization process and believes, given the attempt for attendance, that we would like to coordinate with the city/county/state and its emergency response staff to host an open house as the plans become more solid in terms of the geographic impact, as well as the probability of their being acted upon.