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Letter to California Energy Commission with attachments re City of Santa Rosa Ordinance No. ORD-2019-019. Part 5 of 12.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff

Shutting off power for safety...

What is PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff Program?

If extreme fire danger conditions threaten a portion of the electric system serving Santa Rosa, PG&E may proactively turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

- PG&E will only proactively turn off the power to help reduce the likelihood of an ignition when extreme fire danger conditions are forecasted.
- Customers in high fire-threat areas are more likely to be affected, but any of PG&E's electric customers, including residents who live in the City of Santa Rosa, could have their power shut off if their community relies upon a line that passes through a high fire-threat area.

How will I be notified in the event of a PSPS?

PG&E's goal, dependent on weather, is to send outage alerts to customers at 48 hours, 24 hours and just prior to shutting off power. They will notify people through:

- **Automated Calls**
- **Texts**
- **Emails**

Make sure PG&E has your current contact information so that you can be notified in the event of a PPS.

TIMING OF NOTIFICATIONS (when possible)

- **~48 HOURS** before power is turned off
- **~24 HOURS** before power is turned off
- **JUST BEFORE** power is turned off
- **DURING THE PUBLIC SAFETY OUTAGE**
- **ONCE POWER HAS BEEN RESTORED**

When will power be restored?

After the extreme weather has passed and it is safe to do so, PG&E crews will work to inspect the lines and safely restore power. PG&E expects to be able to visually inspect thy system for damage and restore power to most customers within 24 to 48 hours after the extreme weather has passed. Because extreme weather can last several hours or days, residents should be prepared for power outages that could last up to five days.

What weather conditions warrant a Public Safety Power Shutoff?

While no single factor will drive a Public Safety Power Shutoff, some factors include:



A RED FLAG WARNING
declared by the National Weather Service



LOW HUMIDITY LEVELS
generally 20% and below



FORECASTED SUSTAINED WINDS GENERALLY ABOVE 25 MPH AND WIND GUSTS IN EXCESS OF APPROXIMATELY 45 MPH, depending on location and site-specific conditions such as temperature, terrain and local climate



CONDITION OF DRY FUEL
on the ground and live vegetation (moisture content)



ON-THE-GROUND, REAL-TIME OBSERVATIONS
from PG&E's WSOC and field observations from PG&E crews