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Be Prepared - Outages and Your Business Part 2

Much like any emergency, dealing with power outages requires developing and implementing a plan. Generally, there are three steps you should consider.

Identify a person or team responsible for preparing for an outage. This team is responsible for developing a plan and to ensure that employees know what to do in the event of an outage.

Identify how outages affect your business. Emergency planning experts recommend conducting a "vulnerability analysis" to identify how an emergency will affect your business. Some basic questions might include:

- How do we keep employees and customers safe?
- How do we keep our business secure during an outage?
- How long of an outage can we experience before sending employees home?
- What products, equipment or processes will be damaged by an outage?
- What are our most critical electrical loads?
- Does our business require back up generation?

Create and implement the plan. Answers to the vulnerability analysis form the plan. For some businesses the plan can be conveyed in a couple of sentences. For others it will be very extensive. In all cases a good plan will address your unique vulnerabilities and be understood by all affected employees.



Our top priority is providing you safe, reliable electric service, but we can't always guarantee the power will be on. With good planning you can minimize the impact of outages on your business.

Need some help?

The PUD is available to you understand how electrical equipment responds to loss of power and to discuss what other businesses are doing to be prepared for outages. Contact Tim Lammers at (503) 397-8155 or tlammers@crpud.org to get answers to your questions.

For more information on emergency planning, visit:
www.fema.gov/business/guide/index.shtm
www.fema.gov/pdf/business/guide/bizindst.pdf

Sign Up Today to Reduce Your Refrigeration Costs

Do you use refrigeration in your business? Columbia River PUD is launching the EnergySmart Program, which helps customers with commercial refrigeration reduce their energy bills and improve performance. The PUD is partnering with Bonneville Power Administration and a regional energy service company to provide you this valuable service.

In September we will begin offering a comprehensive analysis of commercial refrigeration systems. A highly trained Field Energy Analyst will conduct the analysis and provide the following information:

- Identification of excess costs & energy savings measures
- Prioritized recommendations;
- Estimated savings, installation costs & financial incentives

Supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, fast food markets and institutional cafeterias would benefit most from this free service. If you are interested in participating in this valuable program contact Tim Lammers at (503) 397-8155 or tlammers@crpud.org.



Case Study: Sherlock's Grocery

Replacing the old coolers at Sherlock's Grocery increased floor space, reduced labor costs, and improved the appearance of the store. The new coolers save about \$1,500 a year in energy costs.

PUD Rates Not Increasing

Recent news stories have said that electric rates in Oregon are increasing. **Your rates are not increasing.**

These stories are referring to the electric rates of PGE, Pacific Power and other investor-owned utilities. Since 2002 these companies have been receiving payments from BPA through the "Residential Exchange" program. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled against the methodology used to calculate these payments, so BPA has suspended them.

We expect rates to stay the same through September 2009.



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