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**Major BPA Substation Expansion Project to Require Two CEC Outages,  
March 29 and April 2 Outages Combined to Affect 10,400 Members**

**REDMOND, Ore.** – Ongoing construction work at the Bonneville Power Administration's Redmond Substation requires Central Electric Cooperative to schedule two separate planned power outages March 29 and April 2. The work will reconfigure the major BPA substation west of Redmond for installation of an additional 230/115-kilovolt transformer later this year.

"This is a major project that will enhance the electric capacity and service reliability for consumers," said CEC Member Services Director Jeff Beaman. "These two planned outages are necessary for the installation of the new transformer and the completion of this project."

CEC sent notification letters to affected co-op members this week, advising them of the planned outages and directing them to CEC's Outage Center at [www.cec.coop](http://www.cec.coop) for information updates.

The Bonneville Power Administration will add the transformer and other equipment to significantly enhance reliability of service to CEC members and other electricity consumers in Central Oregon. The work will occur at a substation that feeds lines that serve as the main source of power to area consumers. BPA said the outage is necessary because the lines cannot remain energized while the work is being done due to a combination of the equipment that must be taken out of service to make the improvements and space constraints at the substation.

"This is important work that will strengthen the BPA grid and ensure reliable electricity service to the area," said Adam Mikulski, BPA Transmission Service district manager. "We appreciate the understanding of area residents and businesses that will not have power as we make this upgrade."

**Outage #1 – Affecting 4,356 Members Tuesday, March 29, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., March 30**

This four-hour outage will require Central Electric to interrupt service to 4,356 members served by the co-op's Resort Substation near Eagle Crest, and the Sisters Substation, east of downtown Sisters. CEC will de-energize the substations to enable line crews to work safely at the BPA substation at the intersection of Oregon Highway 126 and Southwest 35<sup>th</sup> St. Crews will be changing the point at which CEC's 115-kilovolt transmission line serving the western portion of its service area connects with the BPA substation.

Those affected by de-energizing Sisters Substation are located in the areas roughly defined as:

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- the City of Sisters – excepting portions of the west of Pine St. and in the southeast near Locust St.;
- areas north of the intersection of Highway 126 and Camp Polk Road and east out to Holmes and McKenzie Canyon roads, including the Indian Ford area;
- south of Highway 126 and southeast along Highway 20 to the vicinity of Plainview Rd.

The Resort Substation outage will affect the Eagle Ridge portion of Eagle Crest Resort roughly bounded by:

- Cline Falls Highway and Northwest 74<sup>th</sup> St. on the east;
- Northwest Eagle Dr., and Northwest Kingwood Dr. near Highway 126;
- Buckhorn, Hunt and Lower Bridge roads north of Highway 126.

**Outage #2 – Affecting 6,100 Members Saturday, April 2, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., April 3**

This eight-hour outage will require Central Electric to interrupt service to 6,102 members served by 10 CEC substations: Cinder Butte, Prineville Junction, Lone Pine, Crooked River, Madras, Gateway, Powell Butte, Juniper Heights, Post and Ochoco. The substations will be de-energized so crews can safely change the interconnection between a section of CEC’s 115-kilovolt transmission system routed north from the BPA-Redmond Substation along Southwest 35<sup>th</sup> St.

Central Electric members affected by the April 2 outage are located roughly:

- north and east of Redmond, including the Tetherow Crossing area;
- northern Redmond near Highway 97, including the Super Wal-Mart Store area;
- north and east of Madras;
- and areas in, around and east of Prineville including members located along Highway 126 to Redmond, South Crooked River Highway, Southeast Paulina Highway, Northeast Ochoco Highway and out Highway 380 to Pauline and Izee.

Brasada Ranch is not expected to be affected.

This portion of the project requires extensive coordination of work being done by crews from Central Electric, Pacific Power, and the Bonneville Power Administration. In the event weather disturbances or other unforeseeable difficulties require the work and outage to be delayed, it likely will be rescheduled for Saturday April 9.

This compressed timeframe will prevent Central Electric from sending individual notifications to affected members, and the co-op is asking its members to refer to the Outage Center on the co-op’s web site, [www.cec.coop](http://www.cec.coop). Information about any developments will be posted and kept current throughout the completion of this phase of the project and the associated outage.

**Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. Background**

A member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperative, Central Electric (CEC) has provided electric utility services to its members in central Oregon since 1940. At the close of 2010, CEC served 31,733 accounts held by 24,781 members in its 5,300 square-mile service territory in Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, and parts of Lake, Linn, Wasco, and Grant counties. CEC’s electrical system includes 24 substations and 3,793 miles of energized power lines, including 183 miles of transmission line, 2,252 miles of overhead distribution line and 1,358 miles of underground distribution line.

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