



Sierra Pacific Power

Reaches Agreement to Sell

SALE TAKES PLACE 2010

As you already may have read or heard in the news media, Sierra Pacific Power recently announced that we have entered into an agreement to sell our California electric distribution and generation assets to California Pacific Electric Company (Calpeco), a newly formed firm jointly owned by Algonquin Power Income Fund and Emera Inc.

Also, as previously announced, the sale is not expected to be completed until sometime in 2010, following state and federal approvals. In the interim, Sierra Pacific is committed to providing our California

customers with the same quality services that we have delivered to you through the years.

“We are very pleased that Algonquin, Emera and Calpeco intend to continue providing safe and reliable electric service to the citizens of our California communities and I can assure everyone that our dedicated employees will continue to do the same during the transition that lies ahead,” said Michael Yackira, president and CEO of NV Energy.

We intend to periodically keep you apprised of developments regarding the sale in the months ahead.

WHILE YOU'RE ON VACATION, WHAT STAYS ON WHILE YOU GO OUT.

You have just returned home from vacation and you're settling back into your regular routine when you open your power bill. You discover that it's about the same as always. But, how can that be, when you weren't even home part of that month?

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Conservation Corner

THE ENERGY STAR RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING PROGRAM

Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) use up to 75 percent less energy, save money on lighting bills, reduce cooling loads and need changing less often.

Did you know?

- An average CFL lasts five to seven years, depending how it's used.
- If you install a CFL in your home today and turn it on three hours every day, it won't burn out until 2014!
- The energy that a CFL saves over its lifetime is equal to almost 46 gallons of oil.
- If every American home replaced 5 high-use bulbs with ENERGY STAR CFLs, each family would save more than \$60 every year in energy costs.
- In just 15 days incandescent bulbs waste more money than you paid for the bulb in the first place.



VACATION


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Most of the time, the answer is simple: Your electric appliances didn't take a vacation while you were away. Some of the biggest electricity consumers in our homes like water heaters, pumps, refrigerators and freezers continue to operate whether or not anyone is in the house. Some appliances even use power when they are turned off such as electronics with built-in clocks and "instant-on" features. As with televisions or computers, these appliances use a small amount of electricity, 24-hours a day, even when they are not in use.

When you leave for vacation, don't forget to adjust your thermostat up or down. Your air conditioner (or furnace in the winter) continues to cool or heat the unoccupied space. When you are away from home for long periods of time, Sierra Pacific Power recommends that you set the thermostat at 82-86 degrees in the summer and 60 degrees in the winter for maximum energy efficiency.

ELECTRIC SAFETY

The insulation on appliance electrical cords is designed to protect you from electric shock. To stay safe follow these simple tips:

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- Pull on the plug, not the cord.
 - Never use a cord that is frayed or damaged.
 - Keep electric cords away from children and pets.
 - Never have electrical appliances near a water source.
 - Remember to unplug your appliances before cleaning.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides an annual energy bill payment on behalf of the eligible applicant. The amount of this payment is calculated based on the household size, household income and the amount of the energy bill in relation to the household size and income. Contact the Department of Community Services and Development at (866) 675-6623 for more information.



And finally, energy use in your home may increase as you prepare to leave or return from vacation. Extra loads of laundry, and cleaning or cooking before and after vacation all contribute to total energy use.

Do you want to learn how to use less energy in your home? Visit our website at sierrapacific.com/save where you'll find tips to save 10-25 percent on your monthly energy bill .

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

There are thousands of miles of buried high voltage power lines delivering power to homes and businesses. These underground electric cables can be located in your front or back yard and may be buried just two feet below the surface.

Accidentally digging into one of these lines can cause injury or death to anyone unfortunate enough to damage one. Some of these power lines are installed within plastic conduit (pipes) and others are directly buried in the soil without conduit encasement.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Typically, newer power line installations lie beneath sidewalks and streets, but older power lines can run anywhere across your property. If you plan to dig on your property for any reason, telephone the "Call Before You Dig" hotline at their 811 number.

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