

Good evening, Ms. Pedersen.

Thank you for reaching out.

There have been no “rolling blackouts,” and we have yet to be affected by the extreme temperatures.

As a result of the dry weather and accompanying fire hazards in the wooded areas, our operations department has placed our circuit reclosers on manual, so the first time there is a disturbance that trips a breaker, the recloser does not try to re-energize. Typically, on auto, the reclosers will try up to three times to re-energize. But in the event of a fallen tree, limb or debris still making contact with our lines, we don't want to take the risk by re-energizing. So, our crews have to go out and inspect the area and manually reset the reclosers.

For the month of July, this far, there have been 25 outages on our Ramah circuit that feeds Timberlake.

- 9 were caused by weather (likely wind)
- 1 was lightning caused
- 15 were listed as unknown cause. This means our crews patrolled the line to determine a cause, but were unable to find one and restored power.

Should we ever have to curtail our load to prevent rolling outages, we would communicate to our members, via telephone, in advance, so they could plan, accordingly.

Thank you, again, for contacting me.

Have a good meeting and safe rest of your summer!

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