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Bakersfield Power Connect

Project Update



PG&E Solicits Feedback on Potential Substation Sites

In January, the Bakersfield Power Connect project team unveiled seven potential sites for the proposed new substation to be built in southeastern Bakersfield. The project will provide increased reliability for about 100,000 customers in Bakersfield, Lamont, Arvin and the surrounding Kern County communities. Each substation site alternative takes into consideration the results of extensive field reviews and incorporates feedback received from the community during outreach conducted last fall.

The project team is continuing to seek input from the community on these sites as PG&E begins more in-depth studies and environmental analysis. This feedback, along with environmental studies, will help PG&E determine a preferred project site and alternatives. In the coming months, the project team will conduct additional outreach before submitting the project to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), which has jurisdiction over the siting of the project and will determine the final location of the substation.

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Innovative PowerPathway™ Job Program Launches in Kern County

PowerPathway, PG&E's highly successful hands-on training program, launched in Kern County in February. The groundbreaking program, geared toward individuals seeking careers in the energy and utility industry, has drawn the interest

Project Overview

The proposed Bakersfield Power Connect project will provide increased electric reliability for 100,000 electric customers in Bakersfield and the surrounding rural communities of Kern County. The project will include the construction of a new substation, enhancements to existing substations and upgrades to existing transmission lines in the area.

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of more than 1,000 participants, with 400 of those coming from the immediate Bakersfield area.

“Our PowerPathway program has a track record of success, and we are proud to bring this program home to Bakersfield and benefit the hardworking people of Kern County. This program will provide impressive job training and lay the foundation for well-paying careers with PG&E and the broader utility industry,” said Denise Newton, Senior Director of PG&E’s Kern Division.

PG&E launched the program in 2008 as a way to develop the next generation of the utility industry workforce. The PowerPathway training network is comprised of community colleges, community organizations, workforce investment boards and university and educational partners that collaborate with PG&E to provide training.

The free, nine-week course consists of 240 hours of training. Bakersfield’s inaugural class includes 20 PowerPathway students selected from a competitive pool of applicants.

Across California, nearly 800 people have successfully completed the PowerPathway program, with 80 percent of participants securing gainful employment with PG&E or other utilities after graduation.

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657



Dishwasher
99

Living Room



TV
157.5



DVD
5.1



Computer
138.9



Vacuum
135.5

Laundry



Washer
1395

Dryer
127.5

Pool



Pool Pump
2000

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