Rebuilding after a wildfire: 
Process to obtain temporary power from PG&E

PG&E is committed to helping our communities throughout the rebuild process. One of the first steps is to obtain access to temporary electricity service, which can be used throughout the construction process until the building is ready for permanent power infrastructure.

For eligible customers impacted by a major natural disaster, PG&E will connect and disconnect temporary electric service at no cost as long as the property previously had PG&E electric service. Please note poles/electric panels along with fees payable to the city, town or county are the responsibility of the customer.

CUSTOMER/CONTRACTOR COORDINATION
Before receiving temporary electric power from PG&E, customers or their licensed contractors are responsible for the cost and installation of a temporary electric pole, panel and any other necessary equipment.

PG&E’S SUPPORT
For eligible customers impacted by a major natural disaster, PG&E will connect and disconnect temporary electric service at no cost until a permanent electric meter is installed.

How to establish temporary power
How to obtain temporary power:

Please note that in many areas, customers can hire contractors to act on their behalf to complete this process.

Customer requests a permit for temporary power from the city, town, or county building department. Some jurisdictions require certain conditions be met before temporary or permanent power can be established, such as fire debris removal or water availability. Check with the jurisdiction on requirements for getting a temporary power permit.

Customer submits an application for temporary service with PG&E by either calling: 1-877-743-7782 or applying online at pge.com/cco. Customer can apply while permit from the city/county is pending. If the customer has been affected by a natural disaster (such as a qualifying wild fire), please be sure to indicate that on the application (utilizing the drop-down option), so the application can be routed to PG&E’s Community Rebuild Team.

After the application is submitted to PG&E, you will be provided a PG&E job owner/representative who will schedule a site visit with the customer representative listed on the application, to review field conditions, project scope, expectations and timing.

After the site visit, if there is any additional information needed by PG&E, the job owner will request it from the customer’s representative before turning the information to PG&E’s Estimating Department to design and engineer the job [if required].

Customer/contractor installs temporary pole or pedestal and electric panel. Customers or their licensed contractors are responsible for the following items:

- The purchase and installation of a temporary electric pole or pedestal
- The purchase and installation of a temporary electric panel
- Required permits, inspections, and fees from the city, town or county building department
- The purchase and Installation of temporary conduit, cable and installation of conduit/cable if facilities are underground

When the customer is ready to receive power, they should request the city, town or county building department to inspect their electric panel. PG&E cannot provide power without the panel inspection sticker issued by the governing agency. After the inspector has affixed a “panel inspected sticker,” to the panel the customer contacts PG&E.

Once the job is designed and the customer’s panel has been inspected, PG&E can then schedule your project for construction. Your job owner will work with you to schedule your project to provide temporary power.

To avoid any delays, after temporary service is established, please remember to apply for permanent electric and/or natural gas service once you have building plans approved by the local jurisdiction. Apply online at pge.com/cco or call 1-877-743-7782.

Questions can also be emailed to rebuild@pge.com

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