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Liberty Utilities

- ~49,000 customers
- ~1,400 miles of overhead lines
- ~300 miles of underground lines
- ~23,000 utility poles
- 12 substations
- Connected to Nevada Balancing Authority (not CAISO)
- 125 employees
Grid Hardening

- In 2022, Liberty plans the following system hardening:
  - Complete 9.5 miles of covered conductor projects, including associated pole replacements
  - Complete 231 G.O 165 Level 2 pole replacements
  - Systematically replace equipment that creates ignition risk, such as expulsion fuses and tree attachments
  - Improve substation infrastructure by installing substation animal guards and replacing oil circuit breakers
  - Explore and pilot new technologies to improve system resiliency
    - Microgrids, resiliency zones and temporary generation
PSPS Lessons Learned

- Liberty has not initiated an actual PSPS event
- Liberty updated its PSPS Playbook in advance of the 2022 PSPS season
- Continue to build partnerships throughout service territory and expand CBO network
- Liberty’s initial PSPS risk analysis includes estimating the frequency or likelihood of PSPS events given historic weather data gridded on Liberty’s overhead lines
- Evaluating the use of fast trips with fault indicators as a tool to lower ignition possibility, mitigate PSPS impacts, and restore service more quickly
Fast Trip Settings

- Liberty is piloting the use of fast trip settings and has implemented fast trip settings three times in the last two years.
- Liberty is exploring the use of fast trip settings and increased deployment of overhead fault indicators on two circuits in 2022.
- Liberty will monitor fire conditions and deploy fast tripping as deemed appropriate by our Incident Command team.
2022 Pre-Season Report – CRC Plan

- Staffing & training
- Site tours
- Material additions
- Community Resource Center (CRC) site considerations
  - Indoor venues compliant with fire codes and ADA requirements
  - Back up generation
  - Travel distance less than 30 miles for all customers
  - Facility capacity and amenities
2022 Pre-Season Report – Critical Facilities and Infrastructure Plan

- Coordination with Critical Infrastructure
  - Public Safety Partner Support
    - Mapping all Critical Infrastructure in the Liberty service area
    - Updating the Liberty Utilities Public Safety Partner Portal

- Coordination with Local/Tribal/County Emergency Response
2022 Pre-Season Report – PSPS Exercise Reports

- Training on Incident Command and Conducting PSPS Exercises:
  - ICS Training and PSPS Table Top Exercise—June 15, 2022
  - PSPS Full Scale Exercise with Public Safety Partners—June 23, 2022

- After Action Reports and Improvement Plans Completed
  - Submitted with Pre-Season Report—July 1, 2022
  - Lessons learned include:
    - Two additional CRC locations
    - Detailed staffing plan for CRCs
    - Comprehensive training plan for CRCs
    - Mapping of Critical Infrastructure and establishing a PSP portal
    - Review of Incident Management Team staffing during a PSPS event
    - Update of the Liberty PSPS Playbook
2022 Pre-Season Report – Education and Outreach

- Outreach
- PSPS briefings
- PSPS Website/Resource Page
  - Helpful videos and tips
  - PSPS fact sheets, preparedness, available programs
  - 211 resources
  - AFN self-identification tool
  - CRC resources
- During Potential PSPS Event (Microsite)
  - Customers directed only to PSPS information
  - Available in English and Spanish
  - Designed to handle web traffic
2022 Pre-Season Report – Notification Plan

- Updated PSPS Playbook
- Multi-channel approach
- PSPS portal
- Liaisons for multiple customer categories
AFN and MBL Customers

- CBO network expansion
- Collaborative outreach
- AFN data
- Proposed Behind-the-Meter Battery Storage Program
Customer Resources

- Community Based Organizations
- 211
- Meals on Wheels Support
- Community Resource Centers
- Liberty Website
Appendix
PSPS Decision-Making Framework

- ERC
  - Is Energy Release Component > 92%?
    - No De-Energization
    - Yes

- FFWI
  - Is The Fosberg Fire Weather Index > 50?
    - Yes
      - No
      - Yes
        - Initiate Protocol for De-Energization
    - No
      - Yes
        - No
      - Yes
        - No
PSPS Decision-Making Framework

1. Do Wind Gusts Exceed 40mph?
   - No
   - Yes (Is Burning Index > 75?)
     - No (No De-Energization)
     - Yes (Initiate Protocol for De-Energization)