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## **PG&E Removal of Towers Might Cause Some Electricity Outages**

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More than 100 local residents have been or will be temporarily without power during work by Pacific Gas & Electric to remove seven obsolete transmission towers and approximately 4,300 feet of power lines in Orinda.

Nineteen customers were scheduled to be briefly impacted from about 7 to 7:30 a.m. on July 11, 13 and 14 to install a generator and from 4:30 to 5 p.m. to remove the generator. On July 12, 62 customers were scheduled to be briefly impacted to install and remove a generator and 31 customers were impacted from approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. PG&E stated that all customers were notified and provided with a PG&E contact name and number.

The whole project is expected to be complete by the end of July. There will be occasional traffic breaks during the helicopter work; flaggers will be in the area providing traffic control, and PG&E urged drivers not to be distracted by the helicopters.

The approximately 85-foot steel towers and power lines once transmitted 115 kilovolts of electricity to local substations, but are no longer required. The towers are located near the following streets: Brookwood Road, Longridge Road, Oak Road, Stein Way, Lloyd Lane, Moraga Way, Sunrise Hill Road. PG&E crews will work in the area from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the duration of the project, pending safe weather conditions. These towers are similar to those over the mini-park, but those towers will remain in place, necessitating the removal of the redwood trees growing beneath them.

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