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## “Tollgate Substation Upgrade Nearing Completion”

Central Electric Cooperative announced plans today to switch electric supplies from the old Tollgate Substation to the new one with two separate operations that require brief outages for different areas around the town of Sisters. The first will start late Monday night, November 16<sup>th</sup> and conclude early Tuesday morning, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The second operation will be done during the daytime of Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Tollgate Subdivision will not be affected by these outages.

“The switching procedures will require short outages for the safety of the line crews and engineers doing the work,” said CEC spokesman Alan Guggenheim.

The first set of brief outages are planned for Monday night, November 16<sup>th</sup> between 10-11 PM; followed by another brief outage around 4 AM, Tuesday morning, November 17<sup>th</sup>. This set of outages will affect the McKenzie Highway area, including the Crossroads Subdivision, Sisters High School and Middle School, and Three Winds Shopping Center.

The second brief outage is planned for Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10 AM. This outage will last approximately 20 minutes for members in the Remuda Road and Three Creeks Road areas south of Sisters.

The switching procedures will essentially complete the construction and launch the fulltime operation of Central Electric’s new 25-MVA substation.

“These dates and times are subject to change due to heavy weather or events on the regional power grid beyond the control of Central Electric. Consult our website at [www.cec.coop](http://www.cec.coop), as well as local radio, television and newspapers, and their websites, for news updates on the days of the planned outages for more information,” said Guggenheim.

With the completion of the new Tollgate Substation, CEC has completed the last system improvement necessary to allow the conversion of the 22-mile transmission line from Cline Falls to Black Butte Ranch from 69,000 volts operation to 115,000 volts. Bonneville Power Administration is in the process of designing the final improvement necessary before CEC will be able to switch over to 115,000 volts. This conversion is expected to be completed in 2011. “Our switch to 115,000 volt service is necessary in order to meet future load growth and to maintain reliability for our customers,” said Guggenheim.