

For Immediate Release
Town of Farmville
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Farmville-----Progress Energy Carolinas will implement a power outage for the electric transmission system in the area of the Town in the early morning hours on Sunday, June 29. This transmission outage is a planned and managed power shut down and will result in the power shut down of the electric distribution systems operated by the Town of Farmville and Progress Energy.

Town of Farmville and Progress Energy electric customers will experience a temporary electric power outage from 1:00 am until approximately 5:00 am, Sunday, June 29. It is possible the outage may continue until 6:00 am Sunday, June 29.

At the present time, Pitt-Greene Electric Membership Corporation customers will not experience the outage as a result of rerouting of power through a different location during the transmission outage. Customers of Pitt-Greene should check with customer service there.

Operational work on transmission systems is a responsibility of the owner/operator, Progress Energy Carolinas, and is undertaken in the least obtrusive way to all customers but necessary in order to ensure electric power reliability. While we know this is an inconvenience, Progress Energy is undertaking the work over a weekend, during the early morning hours to inconvenience as few people as possible and during the coolest part of the day.

Town of Farmville electric customers are encouraged to power off their HVAC systems prior to 1:00 am, June 29, and resume operation at 6:00 am. Town staff will be monitoring the electric distribution system as well as other systems affected by the loss of electricity. If you use a generator for back-up power, use according to the manufacturer's directions or seek the assistance of an electrician. You should never backfeed a generator which involves connecting it to your home wiring by plugging it into a wall outlet unless you use an appropriate power switch.

Some traffic intersections in and around Farmville will be affected by the lack of electricity. Motorists are reminded that should they approach an intersection with inoperative or dark traffic signals, they are required by State law to come to a complete stop and proceed only when the route is clear.

The Town of Farmville wants you to be safe. Please ensure that you have water, flashlights, batteries and other supplies on hand as you would do during weather conditions that may cause a power outage. Take special steps and plan ahead if you or a family member have special health needs. Keep the doors to your refrigerator and freezer closed so you don't lose cold air unnecessarily. Should you need assistance in the event of an emergency, please call 911.

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