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Empire Electric plans construction outage on June 12 2022

Outage required to install new transmission line interconnection

Cortez, CO - Empire Electric Association (EEA) has scheduled a construction outage for its Monticello Rural substation. The outage will begin at 11:00 PM Sunday June 12 and will last until approximately 4:00 AM on Monday June 13. The outage will impact over 1200 meters in and around Monticello, Utah.

The outage is part of the transmission line project that began in March to connect the Monticello Rural substation to Rocky Mountain Power's Pinto substation. This connection will increase reliability for the Monticello, Utah, and Dove Creek, Colorado, communities by providing an emergency power supply in the event power is disrupted from the normal supply line located north of Cahone, Colorado. The entire substation must be de-energized to allow crews to safely install the new interconnection equipment.

Members that will experience power loss will be informed by phone on Monday June 6 and reminder phone calls will be made on Friday June 10. If you live in Monticello or the surrounding area and you do not receive a call on Monday June 6 about the outage, it may be because EEA does not have your correct phone number. If you need to update your contact information you can do so by logging in to your SmartHub account, or by calling EEA's office at (970) 565-4444 or (800) 709-3726.

Information on how to prepare for an outage can be found at eea.coop. Please remember to turn off or unplug sensitive electronic devices during the outage to reduce the chance they may be damaged when power is restored. We appreciate your patience as we work to keep our distribution system safe and reliable.

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