

8/15/26 SMUD Power Shut Off.

At about 8:45 am this morning, SMUD cut the power to Rio Oso station to do scheduled work on a transformer. The district was notified of this work about two weeks ago. Once we found out that SMUD was doing this work, we tested our generator to ensure that there was not going to be an issue with the generator running. When we tested the generator, the generator did not work up to power that it should be. At that time, I called our generator service company and they came out to look to see what the issue was. It was found that the electrical panel components of the generator are not working and need to be replaced. At that time, I instructed our generator company to bring out a rental generator so that we would have one for emergency purposes and also for this known SMUD power outage. When they hooked up the generator, we tested it and everything worked fine. This morning when the power was cut the generator did not turn on, and due to the generator not turning on the pumps turned off and the pressure in the system lowered and people got low pressure. Once SMUD turn the power back on the pumps started running normally and the pressure was brought back up to the residence. The district electrician did some troubleshooting on the rental generator, and it was found that the battery for the rental generator had depleted itself for some unknown reason. We have contacted the rental generator place, and they are bringing out batteries. Once SMUD is done for the day we will then replace the batteries in the generator and test the rental generator to ensure that it works. This same process is going to happen on Monday as this is a 2 day project for SMUD. What we will do before SMUD cuts the power is we will turn on the generator to ensure that it is working.

Our generator repair company looked for the parts to replace the electrical panel components on the district generator and due to the age of the generator those parts are no longer available. They do have a conversion component kit that will work. We have ordered the kit and it takes about 3 to 4 weeks to get it and once we have those parts the work will be done to make our generator more secure.



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