

(Neb.)-Officials Determine Snake Was Cause Of Chadron Power Outage

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(Chadron)-A power outage in Chadron on Monday evening was determined to be caused by a snake. According to Mark Becker, Media Relations Specialist with Nebraska Public Power District, 258 customers were without power from approximately 5:46 pm until shortly before 7 pm. Although Becker said he had never heard of this, some customers were at half power, with the KCSR transmitter registering 110 watts instead of 220, and some homes seeing dimmed lights on appliances or other strange anomalies.

According to Becker, a snake got into a transmitter causing the outage, and although there was a small thunderstorm going through the area at the time, that did not have an effect on the situation.

Another outage was occurring Tuesday morning as well, although on a much smaller scale. Becker said nine customers in the southwest portion of Chadron were without power, and according to his information, a piece of electrical equipment was lying on the ground. He advised people that if they come across any power equipment that is on the ground to please stay away from it for their own safety.

Their web page, www.nppd.com, has information on any current outages within their service area. There is a link in the middle of their home page entitled "View Power Outages," and a map will come up showing where the outages are located and how many customers are affected.

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