



## West Little Rock Neighborhood Plagued with Power Outages

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Some power outages can be expected when the energy grid is working at its peak.

But in one west Little Rock Neighborhood it happens more frequently.

In just 2 weeks, about 700 homes off Hinson road have lost power 4 times, according to neighbors.

One new resident to the neighborhood says she woke up Wednesday morning to a dark house and a thermostat reading 51 degrees.

"I quickly put on some warm clothes and headed to the gym to work out and got ready there instead of trying to figure out a way to do it while I was shivering," Stacia DeWitt said.

It's a yearly routine her new neighbors tell her is frequent enough for many of them to own generators.

According to Entergy-Arkansas, the four outages in the last two weeks were caused by an overload on the grid, equipment malfunction and rodents.

New homes powered strictly by electricity can put more strain on the grid, according to the Entergy-Arkansas customer service director, Michael Considine said.

Also in the west Little Rock area, a new piece of equipment replaced a couple weeks ago has proven faulty and will be replaced again this week.

As for the two squirrels causing Wednesday's outage, additional insulation now covers the holes where they got into the power box.