



Blown transformer knocks out power to 3,500 PG&E customers in Santa Rosa for an hour

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Around 3,500 PG&E customers in east Santa Rosa lost power for about an hour on Monday due to a blown transformer.

A squirrel caused the transformer at Brush Creek Road to go down at around 11:40 a.m., said PG&E spokeswoman Deanna Contreras.

PG&E restored power to all but two of its customers affected by the outage by around 12:40 p.m., Contreras said. Additional customers may have lost electricity for less than a minute, she said.

Electricity for the remaining two customers was expected to be back on by 5 p.m.

The equipment failure did not spark a fire in the area, Santa Rosa Assistant Fire Marshal Paul Lowenthal said.