LIBERTY UTILITIES ENCOURAGES CUSTOMERS TO CONSERVE DURING SOLAR ECLIPSE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Lake Tahoe, CA  August 18, 2017.  Liberty Utilities is encouraging its customers to conserve energy during the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21 and to practice smart energy use throughout the year.

“While we certainly want to encourage our customers to conserve during Monday’s historic solar eclipse, we also urge them to take steps to reduce their energy use every day,” said Travis Johnson, Liberty Utilities’ VP of Operations.  “By doing so, customers can reduce their carbon footprint and save money at the same time.”

While the eclipse will last for less than three minutes on Monday morning, the State of California is asking residents to conserve from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The State’s “Do Your Thing for the Sun” campaign is designed to reduce energy demand on the electrical grid when solar energy sources will be affected during the eclipse.

Liberty Utilities offers these no-cost energy conservation tips:

- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use. Don’t forget your computer.
- Charge your electric vehicle and other electronic devices in the late evening, preferably after 10 p.m.
- In warm months, set the thermostat to 78-80° when home, and 5-10° warmer at night or when you’re not home.
- In the cooling season, close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.
- Use your electric dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer after 10 p.m. when demand is lowest. Cook as late in the evening as possible.
- Barbeque outdoors when practical. Reducing the heat coming into your home from any source, such as cooking, will reduce the load on your air conditioning.
- Set your water heater to 120°.
- Vacuum your refrigerator coils, underneath and in the back. They need air space to work.

Additional energy conservation tips along with information on the utility’s energy efficiency programs, can be found at [www.libertyutilities.com](http://www.libertyutilities.com); click on the Smart Energy Use link at the top of the homepage.
Solar Eclipse Impact. Liberty Utilities’ 50 MW Luning Solar Center became operational earlier this year and supplies 25% of customers’ energy needs. The remaining power is purchased from NV Energy through a purchased power agreement which eliminates any coal-sourced power and relies mostly on natural gas and renewable energy. Since Liberty Utilities is a winter-peak utility, officials do not expect difficulties in meeting customers’ energy needs during the solar eclipse.

“We don’t anticipate any problems providing service during Monday’s solar eclipse,” Johnson added. “But we also appreciate our customers’ awareness and practice of smart energy use during this time.”

About Liberty Utilities
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