



Liberty Utilities®

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SNOWFEST PARADES A WINTER BLAST!

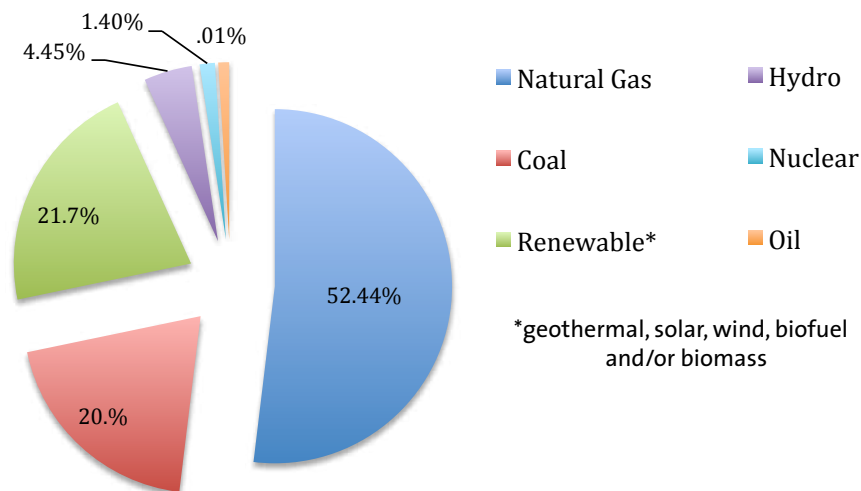


Once again Liberty Utilities was a proud sponsor of the annual Snowfest Parades at both Tahoe City and Kings Beach. Employees decorated and drove some of the utility's equipment in the parade while handing out goodies and visiting with the crowds.

WHERE DOES THE POWER COME FROM?

Liberty Utilities purchases all of its power (except for emergency diesel generation) through a purchase power agreement (PPA).

Our current PPA is with NV Energy. Based on their data, our current power mix as of Sept. 2014 (the latest available) is:



AND THE WINNER IS...



Liberty Utilities is the proud sponsor of the Distinguished Community Service Award presented by the North Lake Tahoe Chamber. Liberty's VP of Operations Rich Salgo (left) congratulates Wally Auerbach, this year's award recipient. Wally is a professional engineer who volunteers in many ways in his community.

DON'T BE FOOLED

Liberty Utilities is once again warning the public of aggressive scams targeting utility customers. In addition to phone calls and emails, some Liberty Utilities' customers have reported individuals posing as utility workers coming to their home or business demanding access and payment.

Liberty Utilities representatives do not place calls, send emails or send representatives to customers demanding payment.

Liberty encourages customers who are contacted in this manner to call us at 1-800-782-2506.





LIBERTY GOES GREEN

Just like you, Liberty wants to take care of the beautiful environment we work and live in, so we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint. Over the years, our energy efficient programs have helped hundreds of customers reduce their energy use and save money (go to www.libertyutilities.com/west and click on the “Save Energy & Money” link at the bottom). But there’s two new exciting programs helping us “go green”:

Electric Vehicles (EV)

Vehicle emissions are the greatest contributor to air pollution. Liberty recently purchased a Toyota RAV 4 electric vehicle (EV) to add to its utility fleet. Of Liberty’s total fleet, about 21% are either hybrids or alternative fuel vehicles. We’ve also installed an EV charging station at each of our office locations, helping users extend their car’s charge. Expanded use of EVs can actually lower utility rates because nighttime charging, if done off-peak, can ultimately benefit all utility customers. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency recently received a \$200,000 federal grant to identify possible EV charging station locations around the lake, and Liberty is a partner in that effort.

“We want to do our part in keeping Tahoe blue by providing these charging stations that will help EV users extend their car’s charge.”

Travis Johnson, Director of Utility Planning and Business Development

Solar Generation

Earlier this year, Liberty-CA issued its first-ever Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) project. The project would provide 20 to 60 MW of power. We received a lot of interest, and hope to award the bid soon with construction starting in early 2016. Liberty’s power mix is currently 21.7% renewables and meets California’s legislative mandates. In the future, our own solar generation facility will help us meet this ever-increasing mandate.

Improved Electrical Lines

While not a new program, planned upgrades to two major power lines (known as the 625 & 650 Electrical Lines) will help reduce Liberty’s dependence on its emergency diesel generators to meet peak demand. This past winter, we had to use just over 36,000 gallons of diesel fuel to keep the lights on between December 25, 2014 and January 3, 2015, even with calls for conservation among our customers. Upgrades to this aging infrastructure, including the area’s substations, will improve service reliability by allowing greater load transfer and switching during times of distress. The project has received nearly all required approvals, and we anticipate initial construction on Phase 1 to start this summer.

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