



## Scholarship Winners Announced

For the fifth consecutive year, Liberty Utilities awarded scholarships to students in its service territory. Recipients were chosen by their schools based on Liberty's criteria, and utility management made presentations at each school's award ceremony. Congratulations and best wishes to these students as they pursue their higher education.

<i>Slone McCann</i>	<i>Coleville High School</i>
<i>Hunter Celio</i>	<i>Douglas High School</i>
<i>Sequoia Bergstrom</i>	<i>Loyalton High School</i>
<i>Lionel Pascal</i>	<i>North Tahoe High School</i>
<i>Christina Silva</i>	<i>Portola High School</i>
<i>Julia Meyer</i>	<i>Truckee High School</i>
<i>Emily Doyle</i>	<i>South Tahoe High School</i>
<i>Hannah Brown</i>	<i>Lake Tahoe Community College</i>



*Christina Silva from Portola High School earned her \$500 Liberty Utilities Scholarship. Christina plans to pursue a Registered Nurse degree.*

### Here Comes The Sun...Again

Building on Liberty Utilities' success of the 50 MW Luning Solar Energy Center that went into operation earlier this year, plans are in the works for an additional 10 MW of solar power by the end of 2018.

Liberty has submitted an application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for approval to begin construction of the 10 MW Turquoise Solar Project to be located east of Reno, Nevada with an intertie to NV Energy from which Liberty would take power. The additional solar

power will help Liberty meet the State of California's ever increasing percentage of renewable energy requirement, known as the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Liberty meets the current RPS requirement of 27% which will increase to 33% by 2020.

As advances are made in renewable energy delivery systems, this source of power is becoming more competitively priced with traditional sources of power such as natural gas and hydro. In 2016, Liberty Utilities eliminated coal from its purchased power agreement with NV Energy whenever possible.



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## Reliability Improvement Continues

Customers continue to rank reliability as their top priority, and improvements have been made over the years to increase customer satisfaction in this area. In fact, in 2016 (before the 2017 Snowmageddon-caused outages), *the percentage of customers complaining about service disruptions was less than half of what it was the previous year.*

While we're still making repairs to some of the damage caused by this year's winter storms, we want you to know about other projects that will continue to improve your electric reliability.

### **Woodfords/Sorensen/Markleeville Area:**

Approximately 625 customers in this area should see their service improve as the last phase of the Muller 1296 Circuit improvements are made this summer. This project involved replacing over 150 poles, with the last phase completed near Grover Hot Springs.

**Coleville/Walker Area:** About 750 customers are served in this area from an NV Energy source in Yerington, NV. Liberty has invested \$504,000 to replace aging poles and more than \$200,000 to upgrade and/or replace a conductor that has low capacity, extensive splices or damage from wire slapping. We continue to coordinate improvement of this radial source with NV Energy.



### **Undergrounding Power Lines Along**

**Pioneer Trail in SLT:** Work continues this summer to complete work that started last year. Approximately 5,800 feet of overhead power lines (as well as communication lines owned by AT&T and Charter Communications) are being relocated underground along Pioneer Trail from Black Bart Court to south of Golden Bear Trail. While the project will primarily address visual impact along a high traffic road near an elementary school, elimination of overhead lines also reduce the risk of trees and branches falling on them.

## Real-time Outage Map and Information



Did you know that you can now access real-time outage information on our website? Just click on the **Emergencies & Outages** link at the top

of the homepage, and then go to the Outages Map tab. You'll see Liberty's seven-county service territory with any current outage information including estimated restoration times.

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