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## Major System Upgrades Continue



*The Kings Beach substation, similar to the one shown here, will be upgraded to improve service to customers in that area. Switch ability, additional transformer and feeder capacity and improved operational flexibility for facilities in the Kings Beach area will specifically be improved.*

Liberty Utilities completed improvements to one of our oldest power lines late last year, and while winter storms certainly caused problems for our electrical system, this newly rebuilt line that generally follows Hwy 267 from Truckee to Kings Beach held well.

Known as the 650 Line Upgrade Project, the rebuilt line consists of new poles manufactured of brown steel material and new wire designed to operate at a higher voltage. We plan to continue this project's major improvements around the north shore by upgrading the existing Kings Beach substation resulting in the closure of the old Brockway substation. We are waiting for final approval from the California Public Utilities Commission before we begin work, and anticipate construction to begin later this summer with completion by mid-October.



*The Brockway substation is about 50 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. Brockway experienced numerous problems during the winter storms earlier this year. Replacement and/or repair of existing parts are unfeasible and not cost effective.*

## Proposed Electric Vehicle Incentive Program

Liberty Utilities will submit an application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) by June 30th to encourage customers to use electric vehicles within Liberty's service territory.

The proposed program identifies easily-accessible locations around the Lake Tahoe region where fast chargers would be installed as well as rebates offered to residential and small commercial customers who install EV charging stations. The need for a comprehensive online resource with information regarding plug-in electric

vehicles (PEVs) with calculators, dealerships, qualified electricians, rebate details, charging station locators, Time-of-Use (TOU) rates and local/state/federal incentives is also identified in the program.

The Transportation Electrification (TE) Application is a requirement by the CPUC of all investor-owned utilities. The goal is to promote wide-spread adoption of electric vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as required by California's SB 350. Liberty hopes the CPUC will render a timely decision so the new program can be implemented in 2018.



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## 50 MW Luning Solar Energy Center



*Liberty Utilities' 50 MW Luning Solar Energy Center began supplying 25% of our customers' energy needs earlier this year. Located near Hawthorne, Nevada, its power is distributed to Liberty customers via a 1.6 mile, 120-kV intertie to the nearby NV Energy substation. Community members recently helped Liberty celebrate completion of the 202,540 solar panel facility.*

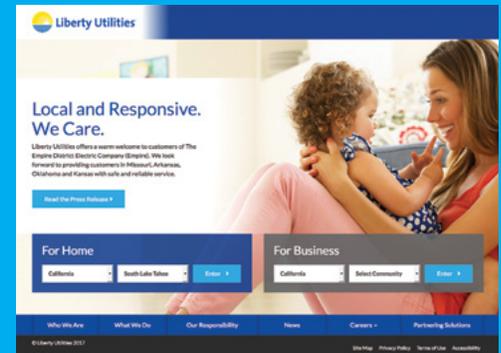
### New Webpages Offer Possible Energy Savings Opportunity

New webpages about Liberty Utilities' new Time-of-Use (TOU) rates for both homes and businesses as well as electric vehicle charging have been added to help customers decide if these optional rates may benefit them.

Customers who are willing to use less electricity during periods when total energy demand is highest (the peak), can save money by shifting their usage to times with lower rates. Energy savings can be realized for both your home or business as well as when charging your electric car.

How do you know if you'll benefit? Simple! Just go to [www.libertyutilities.com](http://www.libertyutilities.com) and click on the "Smart Energy Use" link at the top,

then select the "TOU Rates" tab on the blue menu bar. After reviewing the information provided there and you think you might benefit, you can download the application form located on that site. A local customer service representative will contact you directly to establish your account and/or answer any questions.



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