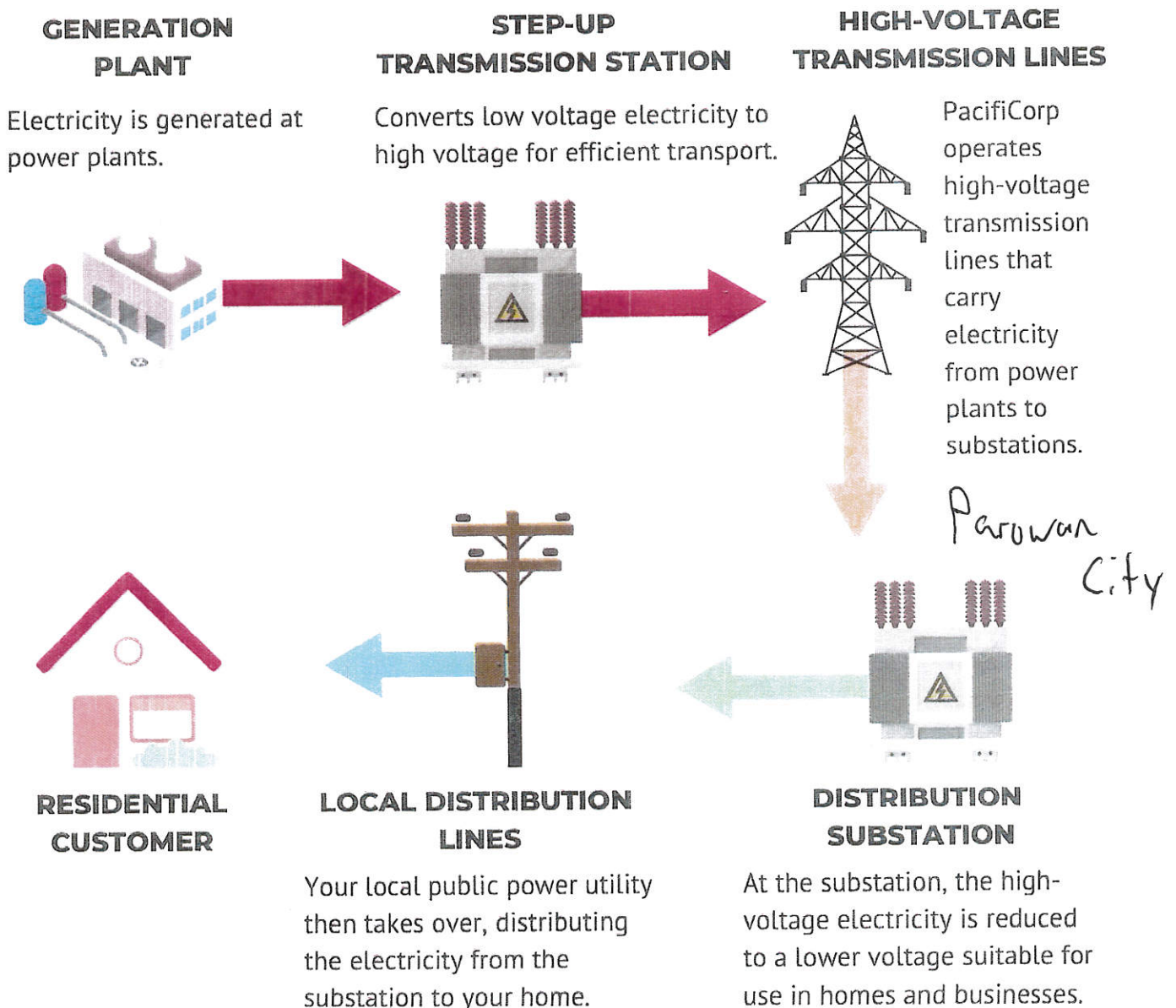


# PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

It's important to be informed about Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and why they might occur in your community. PSPS are preventative measures used by the transmission industry to mitigate the risk of wildfires during extreme weather conditions. By temporarily shutting off power in high-risk areas, utilities aim to prevent sparks from electrical equipment that could ignite wildfires.

## AS A PUBLIC POWER CUSTOMER, HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU?

Although you receive your electricity from your local public power utility, it first travels through the PacifiCorp transmission system. Here's how it works:

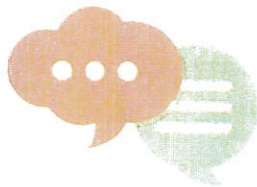




## **SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS**

The transmission network covers vast areas, interconnecting multiple power plants and regional grids, enabling the transfer of electricity within, or across, states. During a PSPS, PacifiCorp may voluntarily shut down high-voltage transmission lines in areas at high risk of wildfires. This interruption in the transmission system can stop the flow of electricity from power generation facilities to substations, leaving your local utility without electricity to distribute.

Customers in the affected areas will experience temporary power outages. The duration of the outages depends on the severity of the conditions and the time required for inspections and repairs post-shutoff. Power is restored once it is deemed safe to the power grid and surrounding communities.



### **COMMUNICATION & NOTIFICATIONS**

UAMPS and your local public power utility are committed to providing you with information regarding service interruptions in the timeliest manner possible and are working with PacifiCorp to establish communication protocols. To receive the most up-to-date notifications, ensure your local utility provider has your current contact information and follow your utility's communication channels.



### **PREPARATION**

Preparing for a PSPS helps you better navigate power outages and support your community during these events. Assemble an emergency kit with essentials like non-perishable food, water, flashlights, and a battery-powered radio. Ensure you have backup power for any medical devices and use generators only in safe, well-ventilated areas. Stay informed by monitoring weather updates, signing up for utility alerts, and making sure your contact info is up to date.

Safety is a community effort that takes all of us working together. At Rocky Mountain Power, we're taking steps to reduce wildfire risks by expanding our weather monitoring abilities, actively managing vegetation and strengthening our system.

The safety of our customers and communities is our top priority. Rocky Mountain Power may [de-energize power lines](#) as a preventative measure during periods of the greatest wildfire risk anywhere across our service area.

- **Enhanced Safety Settings:** These settings are used with devices that de-energize lines when a fault is detected, reducing the chance of a potential fire ignition.
- **Public Safety Power Shutoff:** The decision to implement a Public Safety Power Shutoff is based on extreme weather and area conditions, including high wind speeds, low humidity and critically dry fuels.
- **Encroachment Strategy:** When an active wildfire moves close enough to threaten burning into the area of our lines or equipment, we may complete an emergency de-energization of our power lines.

Here are some ways you can prepare for wildfire season:

- Update your contact information with us and [sign up for alerts](#).
- Prepare an [outage kit](#), create defensible space and plan for medical needs.
- Consider a backup power source if you have [medical equipment](#) that requires electricity.
- Sign up for emergency notifications on your local emergency management or public safety website.