



Westar Energy crews to repair lines in Junction City

Repairs will cause some area residents to lose power this afternoon.

Junction City, Kan., Aug. 1, 2013 — Approximately 300 customers in southern Junction City will be without power this afternoon while Westar crews make repairs. The outage will begin at about 1:30 p.m. and will impact customers in an area west of Washington to Webster and between Skyline on the south side and Vine on the north. Barring any unforeseen issues, the outage should last about an hour and a half.

The area experienced higher than average numbers of outages in the past few months. Crews investigating the issues found that causes of these outages include animals and vegetation in the lines and smaller equipment failures cascading into larger outages.

Crews began working in the area to add switches that will help localize future outages to minimize the impact of an outage. Trees are being trimmed under Westar Energy's Reliabilitree program and additional animal control measures are being implemented so that we can help to keep nature from causing outages.

During these efforts crews found areas that require a planned outage to make the repairs safely. Efforts are being made to reroute power to the area through other lines to reduce the number of customers impacted.

We will provide updates for our customers on Facebook and Twitter as information becomes available.

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