



WE DON'T MAKE THE DECISION TO TURN OFF POWER DURING DANGEROUS WEATHER CONDITIONS. BUT WE DO MAKE SURE YOUR POWER IS RESTORED AS QUICKLY AND SAFELY AS POSSIBLE.

The women and men of IBEW 1245 are working double and even triple shifts checking over 26,000 miles of power lines for any safety issues so your power can be restored as fast as possible.

There are two distinct phases to a power shutoff. The first is the time period of high winds and other dangerous conditions that could damage a power line and cause a fire. In the mountain passes of Northern California this week, wind gusts were forecast to reach between 65 and 70 miles per hour — and that can damage even the best maintained power line.

During the second phase, our crews physically inspect every single mile of power lines to make sure that they are not damaged and they are safe to turn back on. We are working literally around the clock to get that done.

We are all working toward the same goal — restoring power quickly and safely.

In the past few days many of our workers have been confronted by tremendous anger from some customers. In some cases, the anger has risen to the level of abuse and threats that distracts our workers from their mission of restoring power.

We are deeply sorry for any hardship caused by the loss of power. We also want you to know that as we work to restore your power, many of our own families are without power at home. We are all working toward the same goal — restoring power quickly and safely.

We will leave second-guessing about the need to turn off power to the politicians and pundits. Our mission as a union is to protect the safety of both our workers and the entire public.

We will keep working in the long days ahead to get our job done, and we thank you for all of your help, patience and solidarity.