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Subject: RE: Tonight's Power Outage at Candlestick Park

Is Geisha just not telling? No way that's all PG&E knows. And is this auto-transfer switch's failure the first thing that went wrong, or is it a fallback device to go to a second circuit because the first one failed?

By the way, all of America (and no doubt Ed Randolph, watching the game at Señor Frog's in Cabo) has seen the flash in the parking lot and heard it described as a transformer blowing, complete with sparks.

On Dec 20, 2011, at 7:13 AM, "Cherry, Brian K" <[BKC7@pge.com](mailto:BKC7@pge.com)> wrote:

**From:** Corporate Relations Mailbox  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2011 09:38 PM  
**To:** All PG&E Mail Recipients; All PGE Corp Employees  
**Subject:** Tonight's Power Outage at Candlestick Park

Colleagues:

Shortly before game time at Candlestick Park this evening, a power outage impacted the stadium, followed by a second outage later in the game. Geisha Williams, Executive Vice President for Electric Operations, issued the following statement:

"PG&E is working closely with the City and County of San Francisco, owner and operator of Candlestick Park, to determine the cause of tonight's power outages. The first priority both PG&E and the City and County has been to get the power restored as quickly and safely as possible and keep the power on through the rest of the game. Determining exactly what happened and working to prevent something like this from happening again very important to everyone involved."

**Here are some of the details as we know them tonight:**

According to preliminary reports, the auto-transfer switch owned by the City failed to operate properly to switch load to the second circuit serving the stadium and the stadium was without power for nearly 10 minutes before power was restored. A second power outage impacted the stadium at approximately 6:45 p.m. and lasted about 10 minutes.

- We are actively investigating the cause of both outages.
- Crews located a power line down in the area and are working to determine if this was related to the first outage that impacted the park.
- There is no indication that PG&E equipment was involved in the second outage.
- While we have many customers at the stadium, Candlestick Park is the only facility impacted.
- As a common practice, PG&E always works with the customer in advance of a major event, in this case the game, to prepare a quick and comprehensive response to any potential issue.

Roger Frizzell

Vice President and Chief Communications Officer