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PG&E crews de-energized power lines in Bakersfield for safety reasons after a man climbed a 200-foot-tall transmission tower on Sunday. PG&E spokeswoman Jana Morris provided details.

Tower Climber Forces PG&E to Shut Off Power to Thousands

Bakersfield Californian, January 23, 2012

Thousands of **PG&E** customers in Bakersfield were without power Sunday evening after a man climbed a 200-foot-tall transmission tower and threatened to jump, forcing the utility to de-energize power lines for safety reasons.

The Kern County Sheriff's Department received the report at about 4 p.m. and had the man's sister come to the tower at Redacted Lt. Steve Hansen said. The sister convinced the man by cellphone to come down, Hansen said.

PG&E brought a bucket truck from Buttonwillow to get the man down at about 7 p.m., the lieutenant said. The man was taken to Kern Medical Center for an evaluation, Hansen said.

"This is the first time in 28 years that I have seen something like this in my career," Hansen said.

PG&E was notified at about 4:27 p.m. that someone had climbed the transmission tower, said Jana Morris, a PG&E spokeswoman.

De-energizing initially impacted 25,000 customers. It was the Bakersfield Substation that had to be de-energized because of the person on the tower, Morris said.

Some customers initially lost power at about 5:30 p.m. Then at about 6 p.m., power was restored to about 13,000 customers. At about 6:20 p.m., PG&E had rerouted power to all impacted customers.

Then, about 7 p.m., the utility started re-energizing customers through their traditional power

routes, Morris said. That process can take some time, she said.

PG&E: 25,000 People Affected By Man On Electric Tower

KERO-TV (ABC – Bakersfield), January 22, 2012

Late Sunday Afternoon, A Man Climbed An Electric Tower In Northwest Bakersfield

According to the Kern County Sheriff's Office, a man climbed an electric tower in Northwest Bakersfield late Sunday afternoon.

PG&E said Sunday evening, the company had to shut off electricity to 25,000 people because of the man. The electric company, rerouted power and all 25,000 customers have been restored.

Just before 7 p.m., the Sheriff's Office said the man agreed to come down.

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