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Sent: 4/3/2014 6:20:36 AM
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Subject: RE: Odd things in the clips

Thanks Mike. Let me see what we can do.

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> On Apr 2, 2014, at 9:06 PM, "Florio, Michel Peter" <MichelPeter.Florio@cpuc.ca.gov> wrote:

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> Fair point -- but chopping down their tree and then making them pay someone else to haul it away ain't too friendly either . . . I realize that this is a very sensitive issue for many customers -- just thinking about ways to lessen the pain.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Cherry, Brian K [<mailto:BKC7@pge.com>]

> Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 9:01 PM

> To: Florio, Michel Peter

> Subject: Re: Odd things in the clips

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> It's a thought. But chopping down their tree and then charging them for us to haul it doesn't sound too customer friendly. Let me see.

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> Sent from my iPad

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> On Apr 2, 2014, at 8:21 PM, "Florio, Michel Peter"

<MichelPeter.Florio@cpuc.ca.gov<<mailto:MichelPeter.Florio@cpuc.ca.gov>>> wrote:

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> Maybe PG&E could collect some "other operating revenue" by taking the stuff away for people who don't want to deal with it?? Just a thought, Mike

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> FOX 40 Sacramento - PG&E Tree Trimming Reducing Fire Hazard Or Creating It?

> By Lonnie Wong<<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v1/url?u=http://fox40.com/2014/03/31/pge-tree-trimming->

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- > AUBURN - Some residents who get electric power from PG&E say the utility is actually causing a hazard by leaving pruned branches and cut trees on their property.
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- > PG&E examines power lines on private property once a year to make sure trees don't catch fire from power lines and that falling trees and branches don't cut power.
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- > Branches cleared from around power lines are typically left at the property.
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- > "The wood is actually owned by the property owner. It's not the property of PG&E, so we typically don't remove it from the site," PG&E spokesperson Brandi Ehlers said.
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- > PG&E also doesn't chip and remove dead branches because chipping dried material can also create a fire.
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- > Auburn homeowner Michael O'Malley says that can be a hardship for older residents who may need more options.
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- > "Pay PG&E a little more to do it or have them haul off all those branches and stuff and chip it somewhere else," O'Malley said.
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- > But O'Malley also says he has no problems with PG&E's practices because rural homeowners on several acres like him are used to clearing brush and debris. He uses the tree debris for firewood and says PG&E tree contractors do a pretty good job.
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- > Others say they have to pay people to have that debris removed in order to reduce fire hazards.
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- > PG&E says it's up front with homeowners about what happens to trimmed trees and will work with homeowners to find a solution. Ehlers says often that will be to cut and spread branches along the ground to mimic naturally fallen branches as long as it conforms to forestry safety standards.
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- > There are also programs in several counties to collect fallen trees for firewood for the elderly.
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- > PG&E is committed to protecting our customers' privacy.
- > To learn more, please visit <http://www.pge.com/about/company/privacy/customer/>