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PSE&G Prepared to Meet Demand as Temperatures Rise

Offers tips to beat the heat and save on bills

(NEWARK, NJ – June 9, 2017) While Public Service Electric and Gas Co. (PSE&G), New Jersey’s largest utility, expects to have no trouble delivering additional power during the forecasted heat wave, the utility is monitoring weather conditions closely and has additional personnel scheduled to handle any power interruptions should they occur. Also, PSE&G call centers will have extra personnel on duty to speak with customers. And appliance service technicians are ready to quickly respond to an expected influx of air conditioning repair calls.

The utility offers 10 easy and inexpensive ways customers can stay cool and save on bills as temperatures rise.

1. Seal holes and cracks around doors and windows with caulk or weather-stripping.
2. Don’t cool an empty house. Set your thermostat higher when you are away.
3. Replace air filters monthly. Dirty filters make your air conditioner work harder.
4. Use a microwave or crockpot instead of the oven. They won’t heat the house.
5. Operate appliances in the morning or evening when it is cooler outside.
6. When washing dishes or clothes, run full loads.
7. Wash laundry in cold water.
8. Close blinds and draperies facing the sun to keep out the sun’s heat.
9. Don’t cool unused rooms. Close the vents and shut the door.
10. Ceiling fans cool fast and cost less than air conditioning. (In hot weather, set your ceiling fan to spin quickly, counterclockwise to push air downward towards the floor. This creates a wind chill effect that will make you feel cooler.)

To report power outages, call PSE&G’s Customer Service line at 1-800-436-PSEG. Also, customers can report outages by logging into their PSE&G account online or by texting “OUT” to 4PSEG (47734). The utility’s mobile-friendly website includes an “Outage Map” that is updated every 15 minutes and displays the location and status of power outages in PSE&G’s service area.

For more ways to save on summer energy bills, visit www.pseg.com/summertips.

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