Power back on in Tahoe for all NV Energy customers

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Power has been restored to all NV Energy customers on the South Shore.

Crews have identified the mechanical problem at the Round Hill substation and are working to fix it.

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Two-hundred NV Energy customers remain without power Friday afternoon. All are in the Lower Kingsbury Grade area of Stateline.

Customers are gradually being brought on line as crews switch their service to an operational substation.

The Round Hill substation problem has not be resolved, according to an NV Energy spokesman.

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Power remains out for about 500 NV Energy customers on Lower Kingsbury Grade. The company does not have an estimated time when the lights will come back on.

The problem with the Round Hill substation has not been fixed as of this time. Power is being rerouted to service customers on the South Shore.

Karl Walquist with NV Energy told *Lake Tahoe News* it appears one of the lines has come off an insulator. Crews are out

looking for the problem.

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South Shore customers of NV Energy have been without power since about 5:30 Friday morning when the circuits at the Round Hill substation went out.

There is no estimated time when the nearly 5,000 customers will have electricity again.

"They have not spotted any clear cause for the outage at the substation," Karl Walquist, spokesman for NV Energy, told *Lake Tahoe News* at 8:55am.

Customers in Stateline, up Kingsbury Grade and to Cave Rock are affected. The casinos, though, are serviced by a different substation.

Traffic lights are also out. This means the intersections should be treated like a four-way stop.

The outage briefly affected about 2,000 customers of Liberty Energy in South Lake Tahoe. Their power was out for about 10 minutes.

Walquist said NV crews have been at the substation for hours trying to figure out why the circuits are out. He said repairmen are looking at possibly rerouting the affected customers to a different substation until the Round Hill problem is fixed.

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