

Mystery power outage in Douglas County

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NV Energy had no idea why the power is out this afternoon. At one point 4,386 customers at the lake and in the Carson Valley were without power.

The outage affected the Douglas County Commissioners meeting at Stateline on Dec. 21. It had to be halted at 2:30pm because the meeting is supposed to be recorded. There was talk of using a phone to record it, but they weren't sure all the voices would be picked up. Then staff scrambled to find a tape recorder.

By that time the power was restored.

But technology as it is, the rest of the meeting was only audio and not video.

An NV Energy rep said she had no idea why the power was out and at one point tried to convince *Lake Tahoe News* that it had been restored when in fact the room was still dark.

However, the power as of 3:30pm still was out for 2,434 customers. The estimated time line for power to be restored is 5:30pm, even though the company still has no idea what the problem is.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*