



Public Safety Power Shutoff

What Community Leaders Need To Know

AEP Texas is developing a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) plan as part of our broader Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Learn what PSPS is, why it matters, and how we plan to work with communities.

What Is a PSPS?

A PSPS is a proactive, temporary interruption of electric service used in extreme wildfire risk conditions to reduce the chance that electrical equipment could spark a wildfire.

PSPS events:

- Used only during severe and elevated wildfire risk
- Targeted to at-risk areas, not system wide
- Temporary, with power restored as soon as it is safe to do so

PSPS would be used as the final measure to mitigate a potential threat to public safety and human life.

When Would a PSPS Be Considered?

A PSPS would be considered only after evaluating multiple factors, such as:

- Red Flag warnings or extreme fire weather
- Sustained high winds
- Prolonged drought
- Local fire conditions and official guidance

No single trigger automatically causes a PSPS. We operate under a risk based, multi-factor approach.

What a PSPS Is Not

- It is not routine or seasonal
- It is not a rolling blackout
- It is not related to energy supply or grid capacity



Why We Are Planning for PSPS in Texas

While Texas has not historically used PSPS at broad scale, wildfire conditions are changing across the ERCOT region due to:

- Hotter, drier weather
- Extended drought conditions
- Increased vegetation density in some service areas
- Wind events that elevate ignition risk

Our responsibility is to operate and maintain infrastructure safely. A PSPS plan gives us another tool to protect lives, property and critical infrastructure when conditions are extreme.

What Communities Can Expect

Although our PSPS plan is still being finalized, our commitments are clear:

Safety

- We will prioritize safety above all else.
- We will deploy PSPS when necessary to protect the people and communities we serve.
- Events will last until it is safe to complete inspections and repairs necessary to restore power.

Transparency

- We will provide customers and communities with advance notice of potential or imminent PSPS events.
- We will provide continuous updates throughout a PSPS as conditions and expectations evolve.

Coordination

- Planning, preparedness and response is done in collaboration with local governments, first responders, community organizations and industry experts.

As this plan progresses, we will share more details and welcome input from community partners.



What Comes Next



Over the coming months, AEP Texas will finalize PSPS protocols and decision frameworks, with a target to implement our PSPS plan.



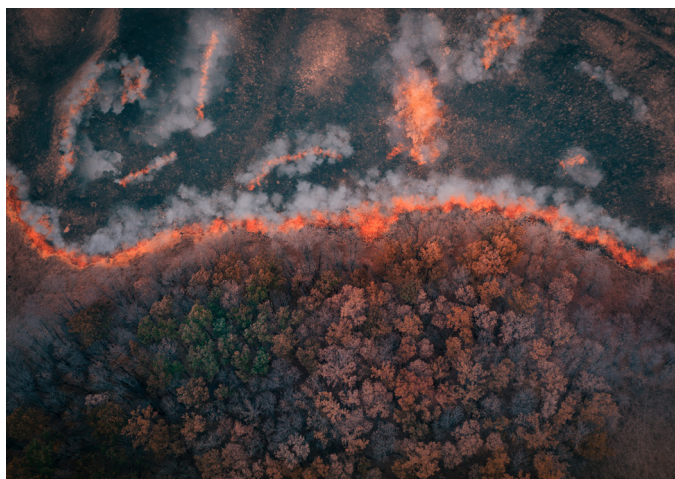
We will work closely with our customers, community leaders, government officials and emergency management partners to ensure our plan is collaborative and transparent.



PSPS is about acting decisively, with our customers' safety in mind, to keep high-risk situations from becoming disasters. We are committed to implementing this approach thoughtfully, transparently, and in partnership with the communities we serve.



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