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CITY SERVICES: Utilities - Electric

The Biggs City Electric Utility is the sole provider of electric power to residences and businesses within the city limits. Biggs procures wholesale power, maintains and operates the local electric distribution system, plans long-term infrastructure and operational improvements, and oversees maintenance and operation of the City's street lighting system.

"The People Own the Power"

The City of Biggs Electric Utility has partial ownership of a geothermal steam field in Lake County, where "green" electricity is produced using the earth's natural, renewable energy sources. Biggs also benefits from long-term contracts for allocations of power from the Federal Western Area Power Administration's Central Valley Project at Shasta Dam. Biggs purchases additional power as needed for the City's customers by contract with various energy companies in the open market. Typically over 60% of Biggs' electric power comes from renewable sources.

This public utility company is operated by the City for the benefit of its customers, and complies with federal and state requirements for public utilities. Biggs's power purchases and power distribution are coordinated through its membership in the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) located in Roseville.

Biggs partners with Gridley to fund the Gridley Biggs Electric Department, which is responsible for the operation and maintenance of a system. This provides a reliable distribution of electricity to residential and commercial customers from the City's interconnection with PG&E's 60 thousand volt (60kv) transmission line coming in off State Route 99 at Dakota Avenue. Biggs has a substation at Seventh and Bannock Streets.

Questions about the City Electric Utility system can be directed to City Administrator and Utility Director, Mark Sorensen at (530) 868-0100. Questions about starting or stopping utility service, and information about the City's energy efficiency rebate program, can be directed to Customer Service at (530) 868-5493.

Customer Solar Rebate Program

We offer and fund a customer solar rebate program for Biggs customers. There are real rebates available on a limited basis. For more information, please contact Customer service at City Hall.

- [Solar Guidebook](#)
- [Rebate Program Summary](#)
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| POWER CONTENT LABEL | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ENERGY RESOURCES | 2013 POWER MIX (Actual) | 2012 CA POWER MIX** |
| Eligible Renewable | 19% | 15% |
| -- Biomass & waste | 0% | 2% |
| -- Geothermal | 18% | 4% |
| -- Small hydroelectric | 1% | 2% |
| -- Solar | 0% | 1% |
| -- Wind | 0% | 6% |
| Coal | 0% | 8% |
| Large Hydroelectric | 46% | 8% |
| Natural Gas | 19% | 43% |
| Nuclear | 0% | 9% |
| Other | 0% | 0% |
| Unspecified sources of power* | 16% | 16% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% |
| <p>* "Unspecified sources of power" means electricity from transactions that are not traceable to specific generation sources.</p> <p>** Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on the electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year.</p> <p>For specific information about this electricity product, contact Company Name. For general information about the Power Content Label, contact the California Energy Commission at 1-800-555-7794 or www.energy.ca.gov/consumer.</p> | | |

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