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AUB POWER OUTAGE PLANNED FOR SUNDAY; FEW AFFECTED

ATHENS, Tenn. – On Sunday, February 25, power crews from Athens Utilities Board (AUB) will perform work on two critical poles in the downtown area. The work will necessitate a brief morning power outage for some 15 customers.

The outage will last three to four hours, barring any unforeseen problems during the work.

The two poles in question are located on or near Long Street, which is the alley that connects Madison Avenue and Washington Avenue next to the downtown Central Service Station and Mountain Man Arms Company.

AUB will move a transformer from one pole to another to help alleviate the congestion of lines on one of the poles and to ultimately help the local phone company raise their lines higher to create better clearance across Madison Avenue for truck traffic.

AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough said that the utility is personally contacting every affected customer this week so that they can plan for the short outage.

All but one of the affected accounts are businesses that will not be open at the time.

The work cannot be performed “hot” for operational and safety purposes, Scarbrough said, and therefore the power will have to be shut off.

“There is never a great time for the power to be out. That’s why we are trying to time this when most businesses are closed,” Scarbrough said.

“We know it’s an inconvenience and ask for our customers’ patience. The work can be dangerous and demanding, so we must take all possible safety measures for the public and crews,” he explained.

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