

# HOW TO PREPARE YOUR BUSINESS FOR A PLANNED POWER SHUTOFF

ALL	MANUFACTURING	AGRICULTURE	FOOD PROCESSING
Businesses in all industries may benefit from these resources	Financing and incentives specifically targeted for certain industries		
PACE Financing <sup>1</sup>	Partial Sales and Use Tax Exemption (MFG) <sup>5</sup>	Partial Sales and use Tax Exemption (AG) <sup>7</sup>	Food Production Investment Program <sup>8</sup>
California State Loan Guarantee <sup>2</sup>			
California Competes <sup>3</sup>	Advanced Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption <sup>6</sup>		Partial Sales and Use Tax Exemption (MFG) <sup>5</sup>
US Small Business Administration <sup>4</sup>			



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**1 Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)** financing pays for up to 100% of project cost, and is repaid through an assessment on the property tax bill. Eligible energy improvements include solar, advanced energy storage and co-generation systems.

**2 Loan guarantees** up to 80-95% for businesses that experience barrier to traditional capital access.

**3 California Competes** state income tax credit designed to help businesses stay and grow in California. Credits are offered on a competitive basis contingent on investments and hiring within CA.

**4 US Small Business Administration** provides federal guarantees for small business lending.

**5 Partial Sales and Use Tax Exemption (MFG)** provides a partial exemption on state sales tax for the purchase of qualified tangible personal property used in the manufacturing process.

**6 Advanced Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption** allows full sales tax exclusion for manufacturers that employ alternative sources of energy, reducing the need for new electric generation.

**7 Partial Sales and use Tax Exemption (AG)** provides a partial sales tax exemption for agri-businesses for diesel fuel, equipment, and other qualified personal property used in agricultural operations.

**8 Food production Investment Program** provides grants from upgrades/replacement of equipment and renewable energy technologies.

Check out our **Small Business Power Outage Safety Tips** on reverse

*Considering investing in a generator or alternative back-up power method for your business? Contact your PG&E Account Representative (yes- every business has one!) to learn more about sizing requirements and energy needs in the case of a PG&E Power Shutoff.*

# Small Business Power Outage Safety Tips

Knowing what to do during a power outage at work is key to keeping your employees and customers safe.

## Before a Workplace Power Outage

- ☐ Take an inventory of items that rely on electricity—plan for batteries and other alternatives as needed
- ☐ Know how to safely operate your generator
- ☐ Invest in surge protection to protect your equipment
- ☐ Understand the difference between a blackout vs brownout
- ☐ Sign up for local alerts and warning systems. Monitor weather reports.
- ☐ Make sure your employees and customers are safe
- ☐ Have an emergency kit for you and your employees



## During a Workplace Power Outage

- ☐ Call your utility company and report the power outage
- ☐ Turn off and disconnect your equipment to prevent further damage
- ☐ Use MiFi devices to stay online and complete critical operations
- ☐ Keep doors closed on all refrigeration equipment

## After a Workplace Power Outage

- ☐ Confirm that power is restored before resuming operations
- ☐ Check your equipment and appliances for any damages
- ☐ Turn off your generator in a safe way
- ☐ Tally your losses and recover your small business

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