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- CenterPoint Energy reported August 16 it restored power to some of the 103,000 who lost power following an August 16 storm but the number without electricity was still above 60,000. – *Epoch Times* (See item [2](#))
- The State of California and Canadian utility company Powerex reached a \$750 million refund settlement deal over the Canadian utility overcharging California ratepayers during the 2000-2001 energy crisis. – *Associated Press* (See item [3](#))
- A smoky truck fire damaged a beam on the Queensboro Bridge in New York City August 16, forcing several parts of the bridge to stay closed for most of the August 17 weekend. – *WNBC 4 New York* (See item [11](#))
- Fire crews reached 25 percent containment on the 31,000 acre Patch Springs Fire in Toole County August 19, allowing the reopening of State Route 199 and the ending of evacuation orders for 70 residents. – *KSTU 12 Salt Lake City* (See item [23](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *August 18, Associated Press*– (Indiana) **Indiana customers due to \$32M from 6 utilities.** A recent filing with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission showed that the Energizing Indiana initiative, which is comprised of six major utility companies, failed to use \$42 million of the \$74 million raised from customers after the 2012 program began. The utilities are required to return the money, but a method of refunding the money to customers has not been determined.
Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/ap/ap/indiana/indiana-customers-due-32m-from-6-utilities/nZR8N/>
2. *August 17, Epoch Times*– (Texas) **Houston: storm leaves more than 100,000 without electricity.** CenterPoint Energy reported August 16 that it had restored power to some of the 103,000 who lost power following a storm August 16 but the number without electricity was still above 60,000. Heavy rainfall, hail, and high winds grounded flights at the Bush Intercontinental Airport while the rain flooded some businesses and streets.
Source: <http://www.theepochtimes.com/n3/250041-houston-storm-leaves-more-than-100000-without-electricity/>
3. *August 16, Associated Press* – (International) **Calif., Canadian utility reach \$750M settlement over energy crisis.** The State of California and Canadian utility company Powerex reached a \$750 million refund settlement deal over the Canadian utility overcharging California ratepayers during the 2000-2001 energy crisis.
Source: <http://www.scpr.org/news/2013/08/16/38739/calif-canadian-utility-reach-750m-settlement-over/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *August 16, Arlington Heights Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **Factory fire causes \$20,000 in damage.** A fire in the filter of an aluminum and steel grinding machine at the Larsen

Manufacturing facility in Mundelein August 16 prompted an evacuation and caused a projected \$20,000 in damage.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20130816/news/708169685/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *August 16, Softpedia* – (Maryland; Virginia; Washington D.C.) **Ten people charged for alleged involvement in Washington DC identity theft ring.** Ten individuals were arrested for allegedly running a large identity theft ring in the Washington D.C. area by recruiting employees at several businesses to steal personal information from at least 600 customers. The group then allegedly opened lines of credit in victims' names, with police finding more than 280 fake identification documents during arrests.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Ten-People-Charged-for-Alleged-Involvement-in-Washington-DC-Identity-Theft-Ring-375978.shtml>

6. *August 16, Gothamist* – (New York) **Pret A Manger employees allegedly stole over \$10K in card-skimming scheme.** Two former employees at Pret A Manger restaurants in New York City were charged with allegedly stealing over \$10,000 in a skimming operation that stole customers' payment card information.

Source: http://gothamist.com/2013/08/16/pret_a_manger_employees_allegedly_s.php

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *August 18, San Mateo Patch; Bay City News* – (California) **Major injury accident closed 280 overnight.** A collision blocked a portion of Interstate Highway 280 in Hillsborough for more than 2 hours and sent one person to the hospital August 18.

Source: <http://sanmateo.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/major-injury-accident-closed-280-overnight>

8. *August 18, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Motorcyclist dies in Likelike Highway crash.** A fatal motorcycle accident prompted authorities to close the Kaneohe-bound lanes of the Likelike Highway in Honolulu for nearly 5 hours August 18.

Source:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20130818_Accident_causes_traffic_delays_on_Likelike_Highway.html?id=220105311

9. *August 18, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **WB Ronald Reagan Highway reopens near Hamilton Avenue.** A one-vehicle accident closed a stretch of westbound Ronald Reagan Highway in Cincinnati for nearly 2 hours August 18.
Source: http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/news/region_central_cincinnati/wb-ronald-reagan-highway-shut-down-near-east-galbraith-road
10. *August 17, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Tanker carrying ammonium nitrate overturns near Hibbing.** A tanker truck carrying about 40,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate overturned near Hibbing and prompted authorities to close some roads in the surrounding area for nearly 7 hours August 17.
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/news/article/1035717/391/Tanker-carrying-ammonia-nitrate-overturns-near-Hibbing>
11. *August 16, WNBC 4 New York* – (New York) **Smoky Truck fire shuts down parts of Queensboro Bridge, causes major delays.** A smoky truck fire damaged a beam on the Queensboro Bridge in New York City August 16, forcing several parts of the bridge to stay closed for most of the August 17 weekend.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Queensboro-Bridge-Fire-NYC-Smoke--219929231.html>
12. *August 16, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **2 I-295 north lanes remain closed near State Route 10.** A box truck carrying chemicals used to clean swimming pools spilled and prompted authorities closed two of Interstate 295's three northbound lanes near the State Route 10 interchange in Chesterfield County for several hours August 16.
Source: http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/local/traffic/traffic-update-i--north-lanes-remain-closed-near-state/article_1fe5e934-066f-11e3-ad1e-001a4bcf6878.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *August 19, Food Safety News* – (California) **CA Investigators seek source of four E. coli cases.** Health officials in central California reported four confirmed cases of E. coli O157:H7 since July 31 and have begun an investigation as to the possible source of the dangerous bacteria.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/four-recent-e-coli-cases-may-be-linked-to-california-mid-state-fair/>
14. *August 17, Food Safety News* – (National) **Cyclospora illnesses up to 596.** According to data collected from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and calls made to individual State health departments, at least 596 people in 19 States have fallen ill with Cyclospora infections since June.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/cyclospora-illnesses-up-to-596/>

15. *August 17, Food Safety News* – (Michigan) **El Potrero restaurant suspected in Michigan Salmonella outbreak.** A Salmonella outbreak in Owosso was linked to a local Mexican restaurant, El Potrero, though investigators did not find any contamination during inspections. At least 13 people have fallen ill in an outbreak apparently connected to the restaurant.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/el-potrero-restaurant-suspected-in-michigan-salmonella-outbreak>
16. *August 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Buurma Farms, Inc. recalls fresh cilantro due to possible health risk.** Approximately 465 boxes of Cilantro were voluntarily recalled by Ohio-based Buurma Farms, Inc. due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm365422.htm>
17. *August 16, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Voluntary recall of limited lots of Maple Almond Butter jars and Chocolate Hazelnut Butter jars; no other Justin's products involved.** Certain lots of Maple Almond Butter 16 ounce jars and Chocolate Hazelnut Butter 16 ounce jars were voluntarily recalled by organic and natural food producer Justin's due to the presence of foreign metallic fragments in unpackaged nut butter.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm365413.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *August 17, Oneida Daily Dispatch*– (New York) **Repairs to Oneida Wastewater Treatment Plant expected to exceed \$180,000.** An August 20 meeting of Oneida officials is expected to discuss repairs at Oneida's Wastewater Treatment Plant are anticipated to cost \$180,857 and take more than 2 weeks as the city continues working to repair flood damage to electrical gear at the plant.
Source: <http://www.oneidadispatch.com/articles/2013/08/17/news/doc520f9b5edcb26494089901.txt>
19. *August 17, WBTW 13 Lumberton*– (North Carolina) **E.coli found in Maxton, residents warned not to drink tap water.** The town of Maxton, North Carolina warned residents to avoid drinking the water for the weekend of August 17 following tests August 16 which resulted in the discovery of E.coli. Further testing is expected August 19.
Source: <http://www.wbtw.com/story/23161327/ecoli-detected-in-maxton-water-residents-told-to-get-bottled-water>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

20. *August 18, Associated Press* – (National) **NH patients seek accountability in hepatitis case.** A traveling medical technician with Hepatitis C pleaded guilty to 16 federal drug charges after he stole painkiller syringes and infected 46 people throughout New Hampshire, Maryland, Kansas, and Pennsylvania. The medical technician reportedly replaced the painkiller syringes with syringes which were partly filled with his tainted blood which led to the infections.
Source: <http://www.westfieldrepublican.com/page/content.detail/id/360671/NH-patients-seek-accountability-in-hepatitis-case.html?isap=1&nav=5071>
21. *August 16, San Antonio Business Journal* – (Texas) **OSHA slaps Cardell Cabinetry with 29 health and safety violations.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited San Antonio's Cardell Cabinetry, LLC a kitchen-cabinet maker, with 29 health and safety violations after a February 2013 inspection found the company failed to remove hazardous levels of combustible dust at its manufacturing plant. OSHA has proposed a fine of \$267,434.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanantonio/blog/2013/08/osha-slaps-cardell-cabinetry-with-29.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *August 19, Softpedia* – (Georgia) **Emory University suffers another data breach, users advised to change passwords.** Emory University posted a statement on their Web site advising users with Emory University online accounts to change their passwords after a data breach was discovered on the university's systems.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Emory-University-Suffers-Another-Data-Breach-Users-Advised-to-Change-Passwords-376610.shtml>
23. *August 19, KTSU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **State Route 199 reopens, Patch Springs Fire 25 percent contained.** Fire crews reached 25 percent containment on the 31,000 acre Patch Springs Fire in Toole County August 19, allowing the reopening of State Route 199 and the ending of evacuation orders for 70 residents.
Source: <http://fox13now.com/2013/08/18/patch-springs-fire-still-ablaze-at-25-containment/>
24. *August 18, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **More crews arrive to help battle Idaho wildfire.** Fire crews reached 6 percent containment on the Beaver Creek Fire as it prompted the evacuation of over 2,300 residences near Ketchum, Idaho. The fire was designated high-priority due to its proximity to many homes and subdivisions.
Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/us/article/1-600-homes-evacuated-as-Idaho-wildfire-burns-4739762.php>
25. *August 18, Associated Press* – (California) **400 structures threatened by northern CA wildfire.** A 2,000-acre wildfire in Butte County was 45 percent contained August 18. The fire is threatening over 400 structures and prompted the evacuation of hundreds of people.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/08/18/2638628/400-structures-threatened-by-butte.html>

26. *August 16, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Copper thieves targeting businesses, schools in Long Beach.** Police in Long Beach issued a warning to area schools and businesses after a rise in copper thefts targeting schools, city parks, and businesses. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-copper-thieves-targeting-businesses-schools-in-long-beach-20130816,0,2286926.story>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *August 17, WTVT 13 Tampa* – (Florida) **Riot's 9-1-1 calls: 'They're uncontrollable'.** More than 150 law enforcement officers spent 4 hours regaining control after a riot broke out at the Avon Park Youth Academy in Polk County August 17. The school is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Justice and is used as a rehabilitation and vocational school for moderate-risk young offenders. Source: <http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/story/23164805/2013/08/17/riot-breaks-out-at-juvenile-center>

28. *August 16, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Two firearms stolen from Hammond police vehicle.** According to the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, two guns were stolen from a Hammond Police Department vehicle in Kentwood sometime between August 15 and 16. Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/police/6800792-123/two-firearms-stolen-from-hammond>

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Information Technology Sector

29. *August 19, SC Magazine* – (International) **Fake Adobe Flash Player update extension serves salacious spam ads.** A fake Adobe Flash Player update extension for Chrome, Firefox, and Safari browsers has been found in a widespread campaign that injects spam ads onto regular Web sites. Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/fake-adobe-flash-player-update-extension-serves-salacious-spam-ads/article/307835/>
30. *August 19, Help Net Security* – (International) **LastPass bug leaks plain text passwords.** Users of the LastPass password manager were advised to update to the newest version of the software after a bug was discovered that could expose users' passwords if they are using Internet Explorer.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15424>

31. *August 18, Network World* – (International) **"Jekyll" test attack sneaks through Apple App Store, wreaks havoc on iOS.** A research team designed and tested a malware test app for iOS called Jekyll that was able to sneak through Apple's App Store review process and then reassemble itself into malware that can perform a variety of functions even while inside the iOS 'sandbox.'
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/081913-jekyll-test-attack-sneaks-through-272947.html>
32. *August 18, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft restores Outlook.com after three-day outage -- sort of.** Microsoft resolved a 3-day partial outage of its Outlook email service August 17, though some users still reported issues with syncing their mobile devices to the service.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/081813-microsoft-restores-outlookcom-after-three-day-272946.html>
33. *August 17, The Register* – (International) **Google goes dark for 2 minutes, kills 40% of world's net traffic.** All Google services including email, YouTube, experienced an outage that lasted between 1 and 5 minutes August 16, causing total Internet traffic to drop by 40 percent during the outage.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/08/17/google_outage/
34. *August 16, Help Net Security* – (International) **Firm found using browser plugins to inject unauthorized ads on YouTube.** Ad firm Sambreel was found to be using two plugins to inject unauthorized ads into YouTube via two plugins. Malware peddlers have previously been found to use the unauthorized ads to direct users to malicious sites.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15419>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

35. *August 19, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Conn. Police: Cable outage not 9-1-1-worthy.** Fairfield Police Department used its social media page to let citizens know a cable outage did not represent an emergency or a police-related concern after the southwestern Connecticut department received several calls August 18 following a Cablevision commercial power outage in the area. Service has been restored in the affected area.

Source: <http://www.cw56.com/news/articles/local/connecticut/10011460842672/conn-police-cable-outage-not-911-worthy/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *August 17, Fremont Tribune; Washington Post*– (Washington, D.C.) **8 injured when insulation falls at DC music event.** Eight people were taken to the hospital August 16 after acoustic ceiling foam fell on them during a music exhibition. Authorities believe the construction and vibrations from the music were the cause of the foam falling.
Source: http://fremonttribune.com/news/national/injured-when-insulation-falls-at-dc-music-event/article_fdca988e-27d4-5c87-bb68-c87261e9925b.html
37. *August 17, KATV 7 Little Rock*– (Arkansas) **Copper thieves target North Little Rock Church.** An August 17 copper theft at the Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in North Little Rock left an estimated \$10-12,000 in damages. Authorities have begun an investigation.
Source: <http://www.katv.com/story/23164692/copper-thieves>
38. *August 16, WXIA 11 Atlanta*– (Georgia) **Marietta apartment fire displaces 63 people.** An August 16 fire at Ashley Mill Apartments in Marietta, Georgia left 63 people displaced as well as three injured. The fire's cause is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/302861/40/Apartment-fire-burning-in-Marietta>
39. *August 16, KATV 7 Little Rock*– (Arkansas) **Copper thieves strike NLR Salvation Army, leave copper behind.** North Little Rock Police are investigating an attempted copper theft at the North Little Rock Salvation Army where the thieves left \$50,000 in damages, their gear, and the copper after being scared off by a neighbor August 14.
Source: <http://www.katv.com/story/23161288/copper-thieves-strike-nlr-salvation-army-leave-something>

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