

MEDIA ADVISORY

PNE Completes Investigation Into Power Failure

Off Site Transformer Failure Results in Thousands of Fans Losing a Day at the Fair – PNE to Offer Special FREE ADMISSION Tuesday Morning

August 24, 2013

Vancouver, BC – The investigation into what caused a significant power failure that knocked out power across pockets of the PNE Fairgrounds on one of the biggest days of the annual Fair is now complete. The outage resulted in the PNE delaying opening for thousands of guests by just over an hour on Saturday, August 24th. It has been determined that the outage was caused by an off site transformer failure.

“The PNE was one of a number of customers in the neighbourhood who experienced the outage on Saturday,” says PNE spokesperson Laura Ballance. *“Our electricians were able to restore power to approximately 85% of the site within an hour and ten minutes of the outage, allowing us to open just after noon, and they successfully restored power to the entire site approximately 30 minutes after that. It’s extremely unfortunate that it occurred on what was going to be a very big day for the Fair, and when we already had thousands of guests cued to come in, and we are extremely thankful our guests were so patient and understanding. As a thank you for their support, as well as for those guests who made other plans after hearing the Fair was closed, we have decided the fair thing to do is to offer free admission for guests entering the fairgrounds before 1:00pm tomorrow, Tuesday, August 27th.”*

Admission will be FREE for guests entering the park between 11:00am (Fair opening) and 1:00pm on Tuesday, August 27th.

What: FREE Admission to the Fair at the PNE
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2013
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

For more information about the Fair at the PNE visit: www.pne.ca

About the PNE:

Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit charity organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at

Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 15-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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