

MEDIA ADVISORY

2nd Partial Power Outage Attributed to Malfunction in PNE's Electrical Distribution System

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Vancouver, BC – A second partial power outage at the 2013 Fair at the PNE is the result of a malfunction in the electrical distribution system within the PNE's electrical power system.

"Our electricians, along with a crew from BC Hydro, have confirmed that this power outage is the result of a malfunction within our power system," says PNE spokesperson Laura Ballance. *"Upon further investigation, crews have also determined that a similar issue was also responsible for the power outage on Saturday. The problem has been rectified and we do not anticipate any further disruption."*

At approximately 7:38pm, Thursday, August 29th the Fair at the PNE experienced a partial power outage lasting approximately 35 minutes on the majority of the site. The outage did not delay any of the PNE's scheduled shows (Peking Acrobats, Summer Night Concert, Tribute Nights, Dueling Pianos). Playland Amusement Park was partially affected resulting in 19 rides being temporarily deactivated. Guests who were on those rides at the time were routinely escorted off until power was restored a short time after.

This is the second power outage during this Fair; the first one resulted in the Fair opening 70 minutes late on Saturday, August 24th, one of the busiest days of the event.

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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