

I would like to propose a progressive rate for power outage penalties. There would be no penalty for the first 24 hours without power. Storms happen, limbs come down on wires and require repair. We give the power companies the benefit of the doubt for day 1. However, after that, the rate increases slightly with each day without power. On day two, the penalty would be \$100 per household/electric customer. On day three the penalty would increase to \$125, on day four would be \$150, etc.

There could also be a separate penalty rate for priority customers, such as nursing homes, to encourage timely restoration of their service. That rate might start at \$1,000 on day two.

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