

Power Line

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Report from
the manager

Andy Chaff
GM/CEO



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Blinks often happen when something briefly contacts a power line. That could be a tree branch, lightning, an animal or another object. When that happens, protective equipment on the line can sense the problem, shut off power for a moment and then try to restore power.

If the problem has cleared, your lights come back on and stay on. If the problem is still there, the equipment may operate again or keep power off to protect the line, nearby equipment and the people working around it.

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When to let us know

An occasional blink during bad weather is typically not unusual. However, repeated blinks during clear weather may point to a problem that needs attention, such as a damaged line, loose connection or tree limb near the line.

If you notice repeated blinks at your home or business, report it through the **MyClayElectric app**.

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