

## **December 4, 2023 - Battery Backup for Nordland Radio Systems Slight Delay**

As I talked about our new 4-day plus backup power system(s) for PUD outages last month, I want to update you with a little more detail. Specifically for the radio clients in Nordland.

We actually need 3 of the battery backup systems to cover Nordland. The first system needs to be incorporated into our Radio Network Control point now mounted on a PUD pole on E. Marrowstone Road. The other two points are the small tower behind the Nordland store and a point on Griffith Point.

The delay we have run into is at the PUD pole on E. Marrowstone Road. Our control system mounted to the pole and its support equipment has outgrown that poor pole and the new backup system surely will not fit on the pole either. The photo here shows the top of that PUD pole with our radios serving Nordland.



So, we have located a better more suitable location for our Nordland Radio Network Control point close by but, not on any PUD poles. This new location will house the new backup power system needed and have an expanded control “head-end” re-designed for the Nordland Radio Network as well. I hope this will be completed by the first week of the new year, 2024. Then we can work on the battery backup system for the tower behind the Nordland store next. Slow but, steady!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Peace, David

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