

Lights out at Statue of Liberty

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The lights went out at the Statue of Liberty late Tuesday, leaving the famed Lady Liberty standing in darkness.

National Park Service officials determined that the unplanned outage came after power and a lighting system controller were switched off so faulty lighting equipment could be replaced.

“Upon completion of that project, power was restored, but the outage was a result of a failure to properly reset the lighting system controller,” the agency said in a statement Wednesday.

Full lighting was restored Tuesday night

Over the next few weeks, the park service said there will be scheduled outages at the statue in order to install a new emergency generator. The outages which will be announced over social media, the service said.

The statue’s darkness immediately drew Internet interest, with its timing leading many to wonder if the act was a political statement.

Screen captures of an [EarthCam live stream](#), which were shared by users on social media, showed the unusual sight of the national monument blanketed by night.

