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Minnesota Power responds to spring storm outages

All available crews are in the field restoring power for customers

Duluth, Minn. — Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power are responding safely and as quickly as possible to restore power during the first spring storm of the season.

Heavy, wet snow has brought down numerous power lines and power poles across the company's service area, causing numerous outages affecting about 5900 customers as of 11 a.m. Sunday.

All available crews are out in full force working to restore power. The largest outages include: 467 customers in the Pike Lake and Munger Shaw road area, 409 customers in Canosia Township, 374 customers in Meadowlands, and 150 customers in Hermantown. Other outages are scattered across the region including Floodwood, Barnum, Wrenshall and Esko areas. All available line crews are in the field working, with power expected to be restored throughout the day.

The safety of our crews and customers is of top priority during this outage response. Crews are reporting many low-hanging wires because of the heavy snow. Do not attempt to touch or lift any wire with poles or sticks. Do not get out of your vehicle on or near wires. All power lines should be considered energized and dangerous.

Our customers' patience is appreciated as we recognize the inconvenience caused by the outages, especially during the COVID-19 stay-at-home order.

For the latest outage information, customers are encouraged to visit the Minnesota Power Outage Center at <http://www.mnpower.com/OutageCenter>, where they also can learn how to download the Minnesota Power outage app for smartphones. Customers also can follow Minnesota Power on Facebook and/or Twitter to get outage updates.

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 145,000 customers, 16 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.

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