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Minnesota Power, Superior Water, Light and Power ready to respond to approaching winter storm

Duluth, Minn.— Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power are working to mitigate potential power outages and ensure adequate staffing to respond as safely and as quickly as possible to any outages caused by snow and gusty winds predicted for this week in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin.

A winter storm warning is in effect for Wednesday through Saturday. The biggest threat for power outages is expected to come from trees still loaded down with snow from last week's wet, heavy snowfall. High winds, coupled with low temperatures this week that will make the trees more brittle, could lead to more trees and limbs contacting power lines. Minnesota Power has been working since last week's storm to pre-emptively remove trees that threaten power lines and could cause an outage.

Despite the preventative tree removals, power outages are still possible during this storm. Travel and working conditions are expected to be hazardous and difficult at times and could slow any response during what is expected to be bitterly cold and windy weather.

Minnesota Power and SWL&P are part of the Midwest Mutual Assistance Network and will work to secure additional resources from neighboring utilities depending on the magnitude of outages. It is important to note that severe weather is predicted for much of the country, and resources are limited as utilities across the nation are responding to, preparing for or assessing weather-related outages.

Both utilities emphasize the safety of their crews and the safety of customers when responding to power outages. People are urged to stay away from downed power lines and not attempt to remove tree branches that may have fallen on lines. Always assume that any wires, including downed wires, are energized and can cause injury or death.

For information on how to prepare and what to do during cold-weather power outages, go to the Minnesota Power winter weather safety webpage at <https://www.mnpower.com/OutageCenter/WinterWeatherSafety> or the SWL&P winter weather safety page at <https://www.swlp.com/OutageSafety/WinterWeatherSafety>.

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Customers of either utility can report outages and receive up-to-date power restoration information by downloading the Minnesota Power or SWL&P mobile app. To download the apps for Apple iOS or Android, go to the Minnesota Power app webpage at <https://www.mnpower.com/MobileApp> or the SWL&P app webpage at <https://www.swlp.com/MobileApp> and click on the App Store or Google Play button in the banner at the top of the page. You will then be linked to the webpage where the app can be installed on your device.

Our online Outage Centers at www.mnpower.com/OutageCenter or www.swlp.com/Outage also include outage maps and information on power restoration times.

Following Minnesota Power or Superior Water, Light and Power on Twitter or Facebook is another way to get timely updates on power outages.

Prepare and stay safe

Both utilities encourage customers to be prepared for an outage. Here are some tips:

- Keep a “Lights Out” kit in an accessible place with at least one flashlight, a battery-powered radio and extra batteries.
- If using a generator during an outage, please follow important safety procedures. You can learn more at <https://www.mnpower.com/GeneratorSafety>.

For more “Lights Out” tips, visit: www.mnpower.com/OutageCenter/WhatToDoIfLightsGoOut

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, 14 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.

Superior Water, Light and Power provides electricity, water and natural gas in the city of Superior and adjacent areas in northwestern Wisconsin. The company has served the area since 1889 and provides services to approximately 15,000 electric customers, 13,000 natural gas customers and 10,000 water customers. More information can be found at www.swlp.com.

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