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Minnesota Power issues public safety notice in response to northeastern Minnesota wildfires

Duluth, Minn. — As firefighters and other emergency crews work to contain wildfires in northeastern Minnesota, Minnesota Power may take measures to protect public safety.

Minnesota Power operates the Winton hydro facility in Winton and power lines that serve the city of Ely and surrounding areas. The company is closely monitoring the status of the wildfires and its potential impact on both critical electrical infrastructure and public safety.

The company is working directly with Lake County and St Louis County authorities and is following the counties' lead on their "Ready, Set, Go" evacuation statuses. Several areas near Ely are currently in a "Set" status.

If evacuation orders change to "Go", Minnesota Power will temporarily shut off electric service to customers in the affected areas once the respective county official notifies us that the area has been evacuated. In the event of an evacuation, a preemptive emergency power shutoff only for the evacuated area is necessary as energized powerlines can hinder firefighting efforts and pose risks to emergency responders and the public.

Minnesota Power will continue to work closely with incident command teams, community officials, emergency management, the St. Louis County and Lake County Sheriffs' Departments and other agencies directing the response to the wildfires to ensure the company's actions do not affect firefighting efforts. An emergency power shutoff is an important tool in keeping the public safe. Electric service will continue for all customers outside any evacuation zones.

Following an emergency power shutoff, restoration can take multiple days after wildfire risks have subsided and damage to equipment is assessed and repaired. Minnesota Power will update customers as the situation evolves through its mobile outage app and website www.mnpower.com

Customers in the affected areas are advised to prepare for a prolonged power outage. Here are some tips:

- Remove food from freezers and refrigerators before evacuating.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- Use alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or power-dependent medical devices.

Go here for more information: <https://www.mnpower.com/OutageCenter/BePreparedForAPowerOutage>.

Please defer to local law enforcement agencies for evacuation instructions. Minnesota Power does not determine evacuation areas or orders. For more information on the wildfires, evacuation zones and evacuation instructions, please visit the [St. Louis County](#) and [Lake County](#) wildfire web pages.

About Minnesota Power

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 150,000 customers, 14 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.

About ALLETE, Inc.

ALLETE, Inc. is an energy company headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota. In addition to its electric utilities, Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power of Wisconsin, ALLETE owns ALLETE Clean Energy, based in Duluth, Minnesota; BNI Energy in Bismarck, North Dakota; and New Energy Equity, headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland; and has an 8% equity interest in the American Transmission Co. More information about ALLETE is available at www.allete.com. *ALE-CORP*

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