



**People's Energy Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## **Immediate NEWS RELEASE**

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### **PEC Power Outage Restoral Efforts**

**ORONOCO, MN, December 16, 2021 (4:52 PM)** — People's Energy Cooperative is continuing to experience power outages throughout our service territory due to the extreme weather events last night. We started the day with nearly 4,000 members without power. Restoral today has been slow because of the nature of the damage and the weather conditions. Currently, we have around 2,400 people without power. The outages are widespread and in pockets throughout the service territory.

As we reported earlier today, a large number of our outages are in the City of Stewartville and the High Forest Township. This was due damaged transmission power lines and structures. Pictures are attached.

Crews are working in Canisteo Township and the area surrounding Elgin with the goal of restoring power in those areas yet today. We will have some crews working overnight, but if you do not have power by 6:00 p.m. tonight, it is unlikely your power will be restored today. Four crews from other cooperatives will be arriving tomorrow morning to aid us in restoration efforts.

Members experiencing a power outage should take these actions to ensure proper food safety and nutrition:

- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed. If the doors stay closed during the length of the outage, a full freezer will hold its temperature for 48 hours and a full refrigerator will keep food safe for four hours.
- Gather items such as canned goods, dried fruits/meats, and any other non-perishable food items to prepare for extended outages.
- Have a three-day water supply for each person in your household, one gallon per person per day.
- Foods that should be thrown out after an extended power outage include: meat, dairy, eggs, cooked or sliced produce, opened baby formula, and dough/cooked pasta.

If a member's power goes back out after being restored, it should be reported again through SmartHub, outage texting (if you are registered), or by calling 800-214-2694. It is also

important to report any broken poles or downed power lines so that we can secure the situation.

We will continue to update our [website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page about progress on power restoration.

### **About People's Energy Cooperative**

[People's Energy Cooperative](#) is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating over 85 years of delivering electric power to its nearly 20,000 member-owners in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative and member-owner in the Dairyland Power System of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois).

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