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Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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Power Outage Restoral Update

ORONOCO, MN, December 17, 2021 (11:00 AM) — People's Energy Cooperative has twelve crews, including two contractor crews, two crews from Dakota Electric Association, and two crews from Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative working throughout the service territory. They have been out in the field since before dawn and are hopeful to restore power to all members at some point today. We also expect the communication tower situation reported earlier this morning to be resolved today.

Currently, there are 2,000 members still without power.

In Stewartville, our transmission company reported they had three poles left to replace and were hopeful to get them done by early afternoon today. Once that happens, the next step is to re-energize the substation. It has been out for over 36 hours and it's uncertain if it sustained any internal damage. Based on a visual inspection, it appears there is no physical damage to the equipment. A crew has been proactively inspecting the system in Stewartville to ensure no trees are in the lines and to ensure there are no damaged lines or equipment on the distribution system so that when the transmission lines energize the substation, any other damage that could cause an outage on the distribution side is already fixed.

Eleven of the twelve crews are working outside the City of Stewartville. They have been assigned to areas of the service territory and will restore each outage in that area before moving on to another area.

We appreciate our members' patience, understanding, and supportive messages. We remind everyone to please use caution by staying away from downed power lines and give our crews plenty of room to work safely.

Continued status updates will be provided through our [website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. Any new power outages should be reported through SmartHub, outage texting (if you are registered), or by calling 800-214-2694.

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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