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Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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Widespread power outages continue

ORONOCO, MN, April 11, 2013 (update – 11:00 a.m.) — People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) crews continue to repair electrical system damage caused by ice and wind, which have caused broken poles and downed overhead power lines. Currently, nearly 3,800 members are without power.

Due to the extent of damage and continuing weather factors some members maybe without power for up to or more than 48 hours. Townships with the most damage include Canisteo, Rock Dell, Salem, Pleasant Valley, and Racine.

Members experiencing a power outage should take these actions to stay safe and comfortable:

- Stay inside and dress warm in layered clothing.
- Close off unneeded rooms.
- When using an alternative heat source, follow operating instructions, use fire safeguards, and be sure to properly ventilate. Always keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.
- Place a rolled-up rug or heavy towel in front of the bottom of doors to minimize any cold drafts from entering the house.
- Cover windows at night.
- Keep a close eye on the temperature in your home. Infants and people over the age of 65 are more susceptible to the cold. You may want to stay with friends or relatives or go to a shelter if you cannot keep your home warm.



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Please remember to stay away from downed power lines. E-mail memberservices@peoplesenergy or call People's Energy Cooperative at 800-214-2694 to report an outage, broken pole, or downed power lines.

About People's Energy Cooperative

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating over 80 years of delivering retail electric power to its nearly 19,000 member-owners in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois).

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