



**People's Energy Cooperative**

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## **Immediate NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Power outages continue to be restored**

**ORONOCO, MN, April 13, 2019 (9:30 a.m.)** — Like many cooperatives across southern Minnesota, People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) experienced extensive damage from Winter Storm Wesley. At the peak on Thursday (4/11), 8,750 members were affected. As crews left at daybreak this morning there were just under 800 members still without power and that has dropped to 545 at this time.

Members most affected are south of Highway 14 and some members have been without power since 9:30 pm on Wednesday (4/10). Townships hardest hit and still affected include Canisteo, Rock Dell, and Pleasant Valley due to numerous broken poles.

There are 18 crews from other utilities helping PEC crews to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. They are from Rochester Public Utilities, Connexus Energy (Ramsey, MN), Dakota Electric Association (Farmington, MN), East Central Energy (Braham, MN), Goodhue County Electric Cooperative Association (Zumbrota, MN), Lake Region Electric Cooperative (Pelican Rapids, MN), Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative (Jordan, MN), Stearns Electric Association (Melrose, MN), and PEC contractor Legacy Power Line, Inc.

For periodic updates, members are encouraged to visit the Cooperative's Facebook page or website.

#### **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).