

PPL Crews Have Restored Service to 73,000 Customers After Wind Storm

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Situation: PPL crews continue to make progress recovering from the wind storm that hit early Tuesday (12/12). Since 6 a.m., PPL crews have restored service to more than 73,000 customers. Work will continue until all customers are back in service.

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Customers Without
Power: about 12,000 as of 4 p.m.

Affected Areas: Pocono Mountain region (Monroe, Pike and Wayne counties), Bloomsburg, Sunbury, Williamsport, Lock Haven

Number of Jobs
Pending: 552

Cause of Outages: High wind has caused tree limbs and branches to fall into power lines. There are trees on wires, wires down and poles broken.

Est. Restoration
Time: Most customers are expected to be back in service by Wednesday night (12/13).

Additional
Information: PPL has arranged for 35 crews from Quebec to assist with the recovery effort in the Pocono region. They will be arriving in the morning and will begin work as soon as they arrive. PPL crews from areas that have completed restoration work -- including Harrisburg, Lancaster and the Lehigh Valley -- will be going to the Bloomsburg, Sunbury, Williamsport and Lock Haven areas overnight. In addition, PPL is shifting contractor crews to the hardest-hit areas. The strong wind has caused many wires to fall to the ground or hang low enough to be a hazard. Anyone who comes across a fallen or low-hanging wire should call PPL immediately at 1-800-342-5775. For information from a PPL representative, call the number listed above or check the news media web site: www.pplnewsroom.com for the StormOutage feature, which lists local contacts by area. For interviews with a PPL representative, please contact the person listed above.

Customers with special needs should call PPL toll free at 1-800-342-5775. PPL is making arrangements to call any customers who are expected to be without power for more than 24 hours to determine if they have any special needs.

During storm emergencies, reporters can receive updated PPL Utilities storm information by visiting PPL's news web site at www.pplnewsroom.com. At that time, the StormOutage feature will be activated to

give system-wide and regional information.

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