

PPL Electric Utilities Restores Service to 51,000 Customers, Continues Work to Return Power to 11,000

PPL Electric Utilities crews and support personnel have restored electricity service to about 51,000 customers since Friday, when a line of severe storms ripped through central and eastern Pennsylvania.

Crews are continuing their work today (12/2) to restore service to customers still without power. The company is shifting additional crews to some of the hardest hit areas, including portions of northeastern Pennsylvania, where extensive damage was reported from extreme winds.

Crews have encountered downed trees, branches and power lines, as well as blocked roads, which has made the job of restoring power more difficult. In some cases, crews are completely rebuilding some sections of power lines in areas like Mountaintop, Luzerne County.

Customers Restored:

51,000 as of 1:30 p.m.

Customers Without Power:

11,000 as of 1:30 p.m.

Affected Areas:

Northeastern Pennsylvania, including the Wilkes-Barre, Honesdale, Hamlin and Hazleton areas; the Lehigh Valley; Elizabethville, Newport and West Shore in south-central Pennsylvania; and Bloomsburg, Sunbury, Lock Haven and Williamsport in central and north-central Pennsylvania.

Number of Jobs Pending:

250

Estimated Restoration Time:

Most customers are expected to be back in service by Saturday night. Restoration efforts will likely continue into Sunday, however, in some of the hardest hit areas in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Additional Information:

Customers with special needs should call PPL Electric Utilities' toll free number at 1-800-342-5775. Customers should stay away from downed wires and assume that any fallen wire is energized.

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