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MEDIA ADVISORY

Minnesota Power says power back on to another 2,000 customers in the Brainerd Lakes area

Duluth, Minn.— Minnesota Power has restored power to nearly 2,000 customers in the past 24 hours in the storm damaged Brainerd Lakes area. Electric service has been restored to portions of Gull Lake, Nisswa and Round Lake as crews energized substations and several primary feeders (main power lines) in the area and are now moving into neighborhoods.

Two hundred line workers and vegetation removal crews are working 16 hour days to restore power to the estimated 1,700 remaining customers. Minnesota Power expects further progress tomorrow and will work through the weekend to restore power to remaining customers in the hardest hit neighborhoods.

Minnesota Power reminds everyone to please stay clear of downed power poles, lines and wires in their yards, on their roofs and in driveways as the lines could be energized.

Residents and media in affected communities are encouraged to visit their online outage center at <http://www.mnpower.com/OutageCenter/OutageMap> for updates as well as to follow their Twitter and Facebook pages for updates as new information is known.

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 144,000 customers, 16 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.

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