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Northeast Blizzard Situation Report # 1
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Highlights:

- On Friday, February 8, 2013, a winter storm began impacting the Northeast U.S., bringing snow and possible coastal flooding to the region. The National Weather Service has predicted that the strongest winds and heaviest snow will fall tonight into Saturday.
- As of 3:30pm EST date, the impacted States report a total of 15,209 customers without power.
- Utilities are preparing for the storm by pre-positioning supplies, staging workers, and requesting mutual assistance support to restore power once conditions allow them to go out and do so. Restoration activities will be contingent upon personnel being able to reach damaged areas. Details on preparation activities are highlighted below.

Electricity Outages by State

Electricity		
Impacted State	Current Customer Outages	Percentage of Customers Without Power
Maryland	5,326	< 1%
Massachusetts	5,359	< 1%
New Jersey	3,367	< 1%
New York	1,157	< 1%
TOTAL:	15,209	

Note: States with fewer than 1,000 outages are not included in the table. Due to a large number of service providers, including investor owned utilities and cooperatives, the number of customer outages reported may not be comprehensive.

Sources: Outages obtained from company web sites and DOE communications. Total State customers are based on 2010 EIA Customer Data.

Electric Preparation/Restoration Information

Connecticut

- Connecticut Light & Power reported today (February 8) that its employees are prepared to assist in the storm response effort and CL&P has secured additional contractor line and tree crews to join forces with their workers.
- Norwich Public Utilities has staged crews and assets in preparation for the storm response as of this morning (February 8).
- United Illuminating reported yesterday (February 7), calls have begun to request outside contractors and UI participation in mutual assistance calls began early in the week. UI has secured several contractor crews and employees have been notified to be on alert



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Maine

- Central Maine Power and Light (CMP) reported yesterday (February 7) that utility trucks are fueled and equipped, and key CMP personnel are holding periodic pre-storm planning sessions to discuss staffing levels and finalize storm-response plans.

Massachusetts

- National Grid, serving customers in New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, said it was preparing for widespread, prolonged power outages, mobilizing its storm command system, and readying its crews and equipment. National Grid announced this morning (February 8) that the company has increased overnight staffing in areas expected to be affected and has extra crews ready to respond.
- NSTAR reported today (February 8) is prepared for the storm & will have crews at the ready across our service area.
- Western Massachusetts Electric Cooperative reported yesterday (February 7) that it is preparing for the snow storm having activated the WMECo Emergency Response Plan.

New Hampshire

- New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) reported yesterday (February 7) that it is preparing its service territory for possible power outages. In addition to its full complement of line crews, NHEC has secured additional contract line and tree crews to assist with significant outages.
- National Grid, serving customers in New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, said it was preparing for widespread, prolonged power outages, mobilizing its storm command system, and readying its crews and equipment. National Grid announced this morning (February 8) that the company has increased overnight staffing in areas expected to be affected and has extra crews ready to respond.
- Public Service of New Hampshire reported yesterday (February 7), it is closely monitoring the situation, in and anticipates opening its Emergency Operations Center today. In addition to PSNH's own line crews and New Hampshire-based independent contractors, the company has secured additional line crews and is planning to stage these additional crews in the Seacoast and Southeast sections of the state, where the brunt of the storm is expected.

New Jersey

- Jersey Central Power & Light, a FirstEnergy Corp. owned utility, reported this morning (February 8) that it has mobilized additional FirstEnergy utility crews and internal resources.
- PSEG announced yesterday (February 7) that it has additional crews and equipment on hand to restore service if interrupted by heavy snow and high winds.
- Orange and Rockland, serving New York and New Jersey, reported today (February 8) that more than 40 mutual aid or contractor crews from as far as Kentucky and Ohio have joined O&R workers. An additional 40 outside crews will be joining up tomorrow for damage assessment.

New York

- Long Island Power Authority reported yesterday (February 7) that, along with its parent company National Grid, it is securing hundreds of extra line crews, tree trimmers, and support personnel to support the more than 500 linemen and 150 tree trimmers on site and ready to restore power. LIPA



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has also prepared all restoration equipment and inventories and pre-stocking strategic locations across the Island with wires, transformers, and additional restoration equipment.

- NYSEG and RG&E announced yesterday (February 7) that their crews are preparing their systems for widespread outages.
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Pennsylvania

- FirstEnergy's subsidiaries operating in Pennsylvania (Met-Ed, West Penn Power, Penelec) reported yesterday, (February 7), additional FirstEnergy resources from Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland and other parts of Pennsylvania are mobilizing to assist with the restoration process. More than 100 utility crews and additional support personnel from FirstEnergy's Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company, Mon Power, Potomac Edison and Penn Power utilities are expected to arrive in Pennsylvania today and will be ready to begin restoration work when the storm hits.
- PPL Electric reported today they have taken the following actions in advance of the storm: Activating the company's central Emergency Command Center; Alerting all storm response personnel to prepare for extended shifts and around-the-clock operations Friday through Saturday; Calling up 100 utility workers from its sister utilities in Kentucky, Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities, to arrive Friday afternoon to assist in power restoration efforts.

Rhode Island

- National Grid, serving customers in New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, said it was preparing for widespread, prolonged power outages, mobilizing its storm command system, and readying its crews and equipment. National Grid announced this morning (February 8) that the company has increased overnight staffing in areas expected to be affected and has extra crews ready to respond.

Vermont

- Green Mountain Power (GMP) reported yesterday (February 7) that its storm managers, line workers, and support staff are making final preparations for the impending storm. Contract line and tree crews have been secured to assist the GMP line workers.