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Holland BPW facilities damaged by storm

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HOLLAND, MI – July 11, 2011 – Holland Board of Public Works crews and staff have restored power operations to the James De Young Generating Plant, following significant damage caused by severe weather conditions.

Severe weather conditions took out power late this morning, resulting in power outages at the James De Young Plant, the HBPW Wastewater Treatment Plant, City offices, homes and businesses throughout Holland. Approximately 5,000 customers experienced power outages throughout the past 2-3 hours. The extent of the damage is unknown at this time. Restoration of power is underway. In addition, Holland BPW crews and staff are presently assessing damages and working at replacement and repair of lines and poles. It is estimated that 15 utility poles were taken down by the storm.

The Holland Board of Public Works is a municipally owned utility, providing essential, economical and innovative utility services for the Holland community including energy, water, wastewater and infrastructure for communications. We operate socially and environmentally responsible utility enterprises that are able to expand and sustain a highly functional, reliable and efficient local infrastructure. For more information, visit www.hollandbpw.com.

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