



NEWS RELEASE

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STORM UPDATE: West Michigan Storms Lead to Power Outages

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HOLLAND, MI -- Severe thunderstorms in the Holland area Friday night and throughout the early hours of Saturday resulted in power outages to approximately 5,000 Holland Board of Public Works customers. Major outages were concentrated in: the central downtown area of Holland; the Waukazoo Woods area; and the south side of Holland along 32nd Street west to Old Orchard Road. HBPW crews began restoration work at around 9 pm and more than 3,000 customers had power restored by 2 - 3:00 am.

Flooding conditions, washed out roads and downed electric poles have multiplied the challenges facing HBPW crews, who are working around the clock. HBPW utility crews are continuing to restore power to customers in the Waukazoo area and to scattered outages reported west of Old Orchard Rd. It is estimated that it may take up to two days for power restoration to all customers.

Holland BPW cautions area residents to avoid touching downed wires and to report them immediately by calling 616/355.1500.

For more information, contact: Andrée Keneau, Communications Specialist, 616/834.1451.

The Holland Board of Public Works is a municipally owned utility, providing electricity, fiber optics, water filtration and wastewater treatment to the City of Holland and the surrounding communities.

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