



Upper Peninsula Power Company

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## Update

### **Morning Storms Knock Out Power in U.P.**

Marquette – As of 1 p.m. EST, here is the latest update regarding early morning thunderstorms that brought high winds and lightning to many parts of Upper Peninsula Power Company's service territory resulting in outages impacting many UPPCO customers.

- Thousands of UPPCO customers in the western U.P. located in an area running approximately from Chassell west to Ontonagon County and north to Houghton and Keweenaw counties are still remain without power.
- The storm caused trees and branches to fall on three American Transmission Company transmission lines, subsequently causing outages and impacting UPPCO's distribution system and customers. UPPCO crews have been working since earlier this morning, patrolling the ATC lines and taking efforts to restore power.
- UPPCO has brought online its Portage peaker generating facility, enabling restoration of power to majority of Houghton. Additionally, power has been restored to the Keweenaw hospital in Laurium.
- After striking the western U.P. the storm moved eastward, causing some outages in Marquette, Delta and Iron Counties. As of this time, some small, scattered outages remain in these areas.
- UPPCO is requesting customers with non-emergency related matters to refrain from contacting the call center until another time.

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- Always consider a power line to be energized even if it is on the ground. Do not touch a downed line or try to move it in any way. Call UPPCO's 24-hour electric emergency number at 800-562-7809. This number can also be used to report a downed tree or branches people find on power lines.
- UPPCO customers can receive timely outage updates via **Twitter @UPPCOstorm**.
- Outage information and storm safety tips can be found at **www.uppco.com** under *Outages and Service Problems*.

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