



Upper Peninsula Power Company

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## Update

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

Marquette – **As of 4:30 p.m. EST**, here are the latest updates **(in red)** 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 were left without power from the storm.
- 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 early this morning, patrolling the ATC lines and taking efforts to restore power.
- **As of 3 p.m. ATC transmission lines began being energized, resulting in power gradually coming back on the outage area of the Western Upper Peninsula, including Houghton and Keweenaw Counties.**
- UPPCO earlier today brought online its Portage peaker generating facility, enabling restoration of power to majority of Houghton. Additionally, power was restored to the Keweenaw hospital in Laurium.

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- 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.
- **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](http://www.uppco.com) under *Outages and Service Problems*.**

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