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UPPCO URGES CAUTION BEFORE LATE DECEMBER STORM

Marquette - Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) is reminding its customers, and the public, that winter weather patterns can – and often do – produce high winds and accumulations of wet, heavy snow that can affect the region's electrical grid.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued Blizzard Warnings across Western and the Northcentral Upper Peninsula beginning Sunday evening, December 28, 2025, extending through Monday evening, December 29, 2025. Significant accumulations of heavy snow, high winds, and gusts approaching 60mph are forecasted by the NWS.

"Power outages may occur as strong winds and adverse winter weather conditions move through the Upper Peninsula," said Dan Freeborn, UPPCO's Manager of Communications & External Affairs. "UPPCO crews are prepared to respond to outages that occur."

Never approach or touch a downed power line or anything in contact with one. If you see a downed line, stay at least 35 feet away and call 9-1-1 immediately. "Downed power lines may be energized and can seriously harm or kill you if contacted. It's also important to be mindful of portable generator safety when using them during power outages. Additional tips for staying safe during inclement weather can be found at uppco.com/safety," said Freeborn.

UPPCO is asking customers to report any outages they are experiencing by calling UPPCO's Customer Care Center at (906) 449-2011 or through its online portal at <u>uppco.com</u>. Customers may experience longer than usual wait times when contacting the Customer Care Center due to weather related call volumes.

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