

News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN CREWS WORK TO RESTORE POWER AFTER DAMAGING STORM

Rockford, Minn. (July 2, 2011) —Approximately 4,800 Wright-Hennepin members lost power as a result of severe storms in the area on July 1. Line crews worked overnight to repair the damage and have reduced that number to 1,500. Extensive tree damage in western Wright County is slowing down restoration efforts.

All available WH line crews will continue to work throughout the day until all members' power has been restored. WH is also receiving assistance from other utilities' line crews as well as tree contractors to help keep restoration times to a minimum.

WH is currently estimating that the majority of members will have their power restored by mid afternoon today, and power should be restored to all members by 8 p.m. this evening.

WH is keeping its customers informed about the situation through a real-time power outage map at wh-oms.whe.org/Outages, and by posting updates on its Facebook page at facebook.com/WrightHennepin, and its Twitter profile at twitter.com/Wright_Hennepin.

WH's 24-hour electric dispatch center is fully staffed to assist customers in any way they can. If you have encountered a downed line or are a WH member who has lost power, please call (763) 477-3100 to report the incident.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 that provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for more than 50,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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