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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### THOUSANDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE STILL WITHOUT POWER

HSEM urges residents and visitors to practice power outage safety

CONCORD, N.H. – More than 25,000 customers in New Hampshire remain without power as of 8 p.m. Saturday.

"Many people have been without power most of the day Saturday or possibly longer," said Robert Buxton, Director of the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). "It is critical that residents and visitors practice power outage safety until crews can restore the utility lines. Never run a generator indoors. Stay away from downed power lines and call 911 if you see one."

Power outages should be reported to your utility provider every 24 hours until power is restored:

Eversource 1-800-662-7764 Liberty Utilities 1-855-349-9455 NH Electric Co-Op 1-800-343-6432 Unitil 1-888-301-7700

The State Emergency Operations Center will remain activated through the night in response to the outages.

Buxton also makes the following safety recommendations:

- Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts and monitoring National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports.
- Drivers should use extra caution, go slow and be alert for crews clearing debris.
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Do not use a gas range or oven as an alternate source of heat.
- Only use a generator that has been wired to the house electrical service by a professional electrician.
- Never run a generator inside a building or in an enclosed space and keep them 10 feet away from buildings with the exhaust pointed away.

Learn more about power outage safety at ReadyNH.gov.