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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### THOUSANDS IN NH WITHOUT POWER AS STORM MOVES THROUGH AREA

CONCORD, N.H. – As of 9 a.m. Monday, almost 50,000 customers are without power across New Hampshire as a storm brings heavy rain and strong winds to the region. Wind gusts could reach up to 65 mph.

"Even after the rain stops rivers will continue to crest into Tuesday, so take precautions now as no one is immune from the potential for flooding from this storm," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Respect barriers and stay safe by avoiding flooded roadways. Give hard working crews plenty of space to do their jobs as they restore power and clear debris from roads."

Report power outages to your utility provider every 24 hours until it 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

"Keep you and your family safe if you lose power," said Robert Buxton, Director of the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. "Practice power outage safety. If you come across downed wires, stay away and call 911. Never run a generator indoors."

Buxton makes the following safety recommendations:

- Stay informed by signing up for local weather alerts and monitoring National Weather Service radio or broadcast reports.
- Drivers should use extra caution, go slow and be alert for crews clearing debris.
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Never drive through flooded roadways. Turn around, don't drown!
- Monitor road closures at www.newengland511.org.

Learn more about power outage safety at ReadyNH.gov.