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NEWS RELEASE

POWER RESTORATION EFFORTS CONTINUE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, N.H. – As of 7:30 p.m., the number of customers without power across New Hampshire has dropped to about 32,000.

"Crews are working to restore power quickly," said Robert Buxton, Director of the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). "Some people may be going on 24 hours without power. Neighbors should check in on each other."

Report outages 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 at a Partial Activation Wednesday night into Thursday morning to support local communities and HSEM's state and federal partners.

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 be alert for crews clearing debris and use caution.
- 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 building 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.
- Never drive around barriers or remove them from closed roadways.

Learn more about power outage safety at ReadyNH.gov.