

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability

Northeast Blizzard Situation Report # 7 February 12, 2013 (10:00 AM EST)

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Highlights:

- On Friday, February 8, 2013, a winter storm began impacting the Northeast U.S., bringing snow, heavy winds, and coastal flooding to the region. The National Weather Service reported that total snowfall accumulations of two to three feet occurred across parts of eastern Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.
- A State of Emergency was declared for Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island.
- As of 9:00 am EST February 12, the impacted States report a total of 42,344 customers without power. 625,419 customers have been restored out of the 667,763 combined total peak customer outages reported in the Situation Reports for all eight States affected. Utility restoration activities are reported below.

Electricity Outages by State

Electricity				
Impacted State	Current Customer Outages	Percentage of Customers Without Power	Peak Outages Reported in DOE SitReps	Customers Restored Since Peak
Massachusetts	38,642	1%	402,814	364,172
New York	2,219	< 1%	13,973	11,754
Rhode Island	1,483	< 1%	185,908	184,425
TOTAL:	42,344			

Note: States with fewer than 1,000 outages are not included in the table. Due to a large number of service providers, including investor owned utilities and cooperatives, the number of customer outages reported may not be comprehensive.

Sources: Outages obtained from company web sites and DOE communications. Total State customers are based on 2010 EIA Customer Data.

ESF 12 Actions:

• ESF 12 has been demobilized from the FEMA National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) in Washington, DC.

Electric Restoration Information

Massachusetts

- National Grid estimated today (February 12) that it would restore power to all of its customers by
 midnight tonight. More than 850 crews are in Massachusetts working to restore damage to lines and
 equipment. The company reported Sunday (February 10) that in Massachusetts and Rhode Island
 there were more than 2,000 crews including National Grid personnel and additional crews from 26
 states and two Canadian provinces.
- Yesterday (February 11) NSTAR released town restoration estimates on its website. The up-to-date estimates can be found on nstar.com. The company estimates that all customers will be restored by Thursday (February 14). Personnel are focusing restoration efforts on customers in southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod, where heavy snow and high winds caused the most damage. All William N. Bryan | Deputy Assistant Secretary | ISER | Department of Energy | (W) 202-586-7517



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3,000 NSTAR employees are assisting in the storm response effort. More than 1,000 individual line and tree workers, from as far away as Georgia, Illinois, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Quebec, have been brought in to assist in the restoration.

New York

• Long Island Power Authority reported today (February 12) that it is working to restore service to the few scattered outages remaining in its service territory. The company shifted resources into Suffolk County, where the all of the remaining outages are located.

Rhode Island

National Grid reported today (February 12) that its crews are working to restore the remaining
customers without power located in Westerly and South County. The company reported Sunday
(February 10) that in Massachusetts and Rhode Island there were more than 2,000 crews including
National Grid personnel and additional crews from 26 states and two Canadian provinces