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Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc on Power Lines

The freezing rain and wind we saw Tuesday evening last week caused major damage to power lines and poles across the entire Cuming County Public Power District. Our crews along with 22 men from Schmader Electric, Nick Schaaf – Rick Koch – Tim Stethem and Tom Ries from Loup Valleys, Brandon Wright – Brock Mowry – Adam Stottler and Nicholas Woetzel from Twin Valles, Tom Hanson – Jeff Rhodes – Dane Stuebe and Jason Abell from Perennial Power, and Mitch Hyde from David City worked hard all weekend to restore power to all customers. Fortunately, the weather held out so they could get their work done.

Calls streamed in from customers starting Wednesday through the weekend letting us know where the poles and wires were down across the area. We brought in two retired employees to help troll the lines and all the office helped keep the guys informed on where to go to next. With the help of everyone involved we have been successful and will continue through the next few weeks to make sure all lines and poles are in good standing.

This was a storm that we expected to cause damage, but the end result was worse than we could have anticipated. The help from other districts is what is planned on an occasion like this as they may need help in the future. These types of networks are setup for storms that cause this type of damage.

On the behalf of Cuming County Public Power District, we would like to thank everyone involved including many customers that helped clear the road or a field to help the guys get through, the several eating establishments in West Point, Horizon Inn and a special thank you to KTIC 840/107.9 the bull for giving our updates on the air.

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