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### **Storm Makes this a Christmas to Remember**

Blizzard conditions over the weekend kept the lineman busy throughout the Christmas weekend trying to restore power to over 500 people in Cuming County.

Beginning Christmas Eve, five out of the District's total of twelve substations tripped at one time or another, which caused several power outages in the area. The main region for the outages was between Bancroft, Beemer, Wisner and West of West Point with scattered outages throughout the territory.

By far, the worst part of the job was trying to see through the blowing snow. With the treacherous weather, the crews worked quickly to restore all power however, due to the blinding conditions, the crews were called back to the office late on Christmas afternoon.

Beginning again on Saturday morning, the line crews could only perform their work after following a path that maintainers had to provide to get through the over 10 foot drifts. A thank you goes out to all those that assisted the District. Due to everyone working together, by Saturday afternoon power was restored. All that was left was for customers to begin scooping their way out of 17-18 inches of snow!

Customers were without power across the entire state of Nebraska. As noted by Nebraska Public Power District in regard to their outages, the storm started by delivering freezing rain and sleet, which turned to heavy snow, and then brought in high winds that blew consistently since Christmas Eve.

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