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Electricity

Fewer than 100,000 Customers Remain Without Power across U.S. Midwest December 10

An estimated 90,022 customers remained without power across a wide range of U.S. states on December 10, about one day after storms cut power to more than 500,000, multiple sources reported. The following table lists peak and current outage figures, based on latest available data.

U.S. Midwest Customer Power Outages December 8-10, 2009				
Electric Utility	State	Peak	Latest Reported	
DTE Energy	MI	73,000	9,000	
Consumers Energy	MI	50,000	4,400	
Appalachian Power	WV	55,000	22,450	
Allegheny Power	WV	18,087	3,512	
AEP	WV	6,253	652	
Appalachian Power	VA	35,995	14,763	
Bristol Virginia Utilities	VA	4,000	0	
Duke Energy	OH/KY	31,006	12,542	
AEP	OH	27,728	2,014	
First Energy	OH	9,800	230	
South-Central Power	OH	5,627	11	
We Energies	WI	28,000	15,000	
Alliant Energy	WI	22,817	332	
Wisconsin Public Service	WI	12,385	185	
Madison Gas & Electric	WI	7,000	0	
Allegheny Power	PA	25,920	538	
Duquesne Light Co.	PA	14,000	800	
Ameren	IL	11,153	46	
ComEd	IL	7,300	1,400	
Knoxville Utilities Board	TN	10,200	180	
Bristol Tennessee Essential Services	TN	7,000	0	
Greenville Light & Power	TN	6,000	0	
Kentucky Power	KY	9,324	1,651	
Louisville Gas & Electric	KY	6,800	0	
Duke Energy	IN	8,211	43	
Indiana-Michigan Power	IN	3,347	0	
Ameren	MO	8,831	242	
MidAmerican	IA	6,688	22	
Alliant Energy	IA	5,139	9	
TOTAL*		516,611	90,022	

^{*}Total outages only represent electric utilities listed in this table.

Sources:

DTE Energy: http://www.dteenergy.com/residentialCustomers/problemsSafety/stormCenter/stormAlert.html

Consumers Energy: http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-

city/index.ssf/2009/12/snow knocks out power for 4600.html

http://www.wzzm13.com/news/news_story.aspx?storyid=116567&catid=14

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http://www.dailymail.com/News/200912090271

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Bristol Virginia Utilities:

http://www2.tricities.com/tri/news/local/article/wind and rain wallop mountain empire/37101/

Duke Energy Ohio and Kentucky: http://www.duke-energy.com/ohio/outages/current.asp

First Energy: http://www.vindy.com/news/2009/dec/10/like-it-or-not-cold-weather-here-to-stay/?newswatch

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We Energies: http://www.isonline.com/news/milwaukee/78852682.html

http://www.piercecountyherald.com/event/article/id/22727/

http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3702658

http://www.wfrv.com/news/local/story/700-in-Door-County-still-without-power-

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http://www2.tricities.com/tri/news/local/article/wind_and_rain_wallop_mountain_empire/37101/

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journal.com/article/20091210/NEWS01/912100322/1008/Power+restored+to+LG&E+customers

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Indiana-Michigan Power: http://www.aepcustomer.com/outagemap/main.aspx?region=im

Ameren Missouri: https://www2.ameren.com/outagemap/default.aspx?state=MO

MidAmerican: http://www.midamericanenergy.com/storm/OutageWatch/MECOutageWatch.aspx

Winds Knock Out Power to More than 35,000 Customers in Carolinas December 9

Winds cut electricity to more than 27,000 Duke Energy customers in North and South Carolina, and more than 9,500 Progress Energy customers in North Carolina, news sources reported. Just 1,475 Progress Energy customers and fewer than 1,000 Duke Energy customers remained without power, as of latest reports.

Duke Energy: http://www.duke-energy.com/outages/stats/

Progress Energy: http://progress-energy.com/shared/outages/car/default.aspx

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http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20091209/NEWS01/91208056/1009

http://www.charlotteobserver.com/local/story/1115100.html

Transmission Line Collapse Cuts Electricity Briefly to About 25,000 Oncor Customers in Texas December 5

A transmission line collapsed for unknown reasons, damaging adjacent homes and cutting power briefly to approximately 25,000 Oncor customers in Arlington, Texas on December 5, a news source said. http://www.star-telegram.com/arlington_news/story/1819698.html

APS's 1,243 MW Palo Verde Nuke Unit 2 in Arizona Reduced to 60 Percent by December 10

The company slowed the unit to investigate a heated main transformer, a spokeswoman said. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of December 9 the unit was operating at full power.

http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN1013927320091210?type=marketsNews

Information also derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/

Southern Shuts 1,152 MW Vogtle Nuke Unit 1 in Georgia December 9

The company shut the unit due to "high turbine vibration" on December 9, it said in a filing with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Operators had been returning the unit from a separate, unscheduled outage at the time of the incident, according to the filing. The NRC reported that on the morning of December 9 the unit was operating at 3 percent power.

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html

Information also derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/

Dominion's 917 MW North Anna Nuke Unit 2 in Virginia Shut December 9

The unit shut automatically due to a downed transformer, the company said in a filing with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC reported that on the morning of December 9 the unit was operating at full power.

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html

Information also derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/

Update: APS Returns 1,247 MW Palo Verde Nuke Unit 3 in Arizona to About 54 Percent Power by December 10

The unit shut due to a valve malfunction by December 4, a news source said. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of December 9 the unit was operating at 12 percent power.

http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN1013927320091210?type=marketsNews

Information also derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/

Update: Entergy's 858 MW Arkansas Nuclear Unit 2 in Arkansas Ramped Up to 20 Percent by December 10

Operators took the unit offline after a pump shutdown led to low steam generator levels on December 8, the company said in an earlier filing with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC reported that on the morning of December 9 the unit was not operating.

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2009/20091209en.html

Information also derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/

Update: Mirant's 312 MW Pittsburg Gas-fired Unit 5 in California Returns to Service by December 9

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit reported a return from an unplanned outage. http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200912091515.html

Federal Judge Orders Invenergy to Obtain Wildlife Permit or Halt Work at Partly-Completed, Planned 186 MW Beech Ridge Wind Warm in West Virginia

A federal judge has ordered Invenergy to halt construction on its partly-completed, proposed 186 MW Beech Ridge wind farm in West Virginia until the company receives a federal "incidental take permit" to operate the facility near an endangered bat species, multiple sources reported. "Like death and taxes, there is a virtual certainty that Indiana bats will be harmed, wounded, or killed imminently by the Beech Ridge Project," the judge said. The ruling allows Invenergy to operate 40 already-completed turbines during the winter months—when the bats hibernate—until it obtains authorization. The company expects to eventually construct 122 turbines. It plans to apply for the permit. http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20091209-713615.html

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/09/AR2009120904106.html?hpid=sec-metro http://www.awionline.org/ht/d/sp/i/16983/pid/16983

Update: Caithness Energy Eyes 2012 Start-Date for 845 MW Shepherds Flat Wind Farm in **Oregon**

The company expects to break ground in 2010 and complete the facility in 2012, according to a project supplier. http://www.genewscenter.com/content/detail.aspx?ReleaseID=9232&NewsAreaId=2

American Renewables Plans 100 MW Biomass-fired Power Plant in Florida

The company plans to begin construction in late 2010 and complete the project in about three years, according to a project affiliate.

http://www.gru.com/OurCommunity/Environment/RenewableEnergy/biomassPlant.jsp

Petroleum

BP Resumes Normal Operations at 467,720 b/d Texas City, Texas Refinery December 8 after FCC Snag

BP resumed normal operations within about six hours after a "loss of differential pressure on the standpipe aeration" triggered a fluid catalytic cracking unit (FCC) malfunction at its 467,720 b/d Texas City, Texas refinery on December 8, the company said in a filing with state regulators.

http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=133016 http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20091209-716328.html

Update: Valero Restarts HDS at 315,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery December 9

Valero restarted a hydrodesulfurization unit (HDS) after a one-day shutdown at its 315,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas refinery from December 8-9, the company said. The incident had no impact to production, according to a spokeswoman. Valero shut Complex 1 and the HDS for unscheduled reasons on December 8, it said in an earlier filing with state regulators. The event triggered flaring.

http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20091208-716421.html

http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=132988

http://www.caller.com/news/2009/dec/10/valero-restarts-refinery-unit-wednesday/

Flint Hills Reports Unit Shutdown at 288,126 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery December 9

A gas oil hydrotreater process unit shut after a possible vibration probe malfunction at Flint Hills Resources' 288,126 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas refinery on December 9, the company said in a filing with state regulators. The company expected to restart the unit from December 10-12, according to the filing. It was not clear if the incident had any impact to production.

http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=133052

Boiler Shutdown Forces Offline Multiple Units at BP's 225,000 b/d Cherry Point, Washington Refinery December 9

BP restarted a boiler at its 225,000 b/d Cherry Point, Washington refinery by December 10, one day after its shutdown forced offline multiple, unspecified units, sources familiar with the facility's operations said. The incident led operators to adjust plant rates, according to one source.

Reuters, 11:00 December 10, 2009

Bloomberg News, 12:08 December 10, 2009

Power Failure Shuts Equipment at ConocoPhillips' 146,000 b/d Borger, Texas Refinery December 9-10

A power disruption forced shut unspecified equipment and triggered flaring at ConocoPhillips' 146,000 b/d Borger, Texas refinery on December 9-10, the company said in a filing with state regulators. It was not clear if the incident had any impact to production.

http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=133048

Natural Gas

BLM Halts Coal-bed Methane Drilling in Wyoming Region, Citing Potential Elk Impact

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ordered a shutdown of coal-bed methane drilling in a section of the Powder River Basin in Wyoming, citing uncertainty over drillers' impact on the local elk population. The BLM said it would conduct an environmental assessment; that work could take as long as three weeks. Two companies—an Anadarko subsidiary and Williams—launched drilling operations over the summer. They had drilled approximately 125 wells, out of 250 planned, prior to the BLM's decision.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iVNPOI7focZojHcHnkXFpowcEzOOD9CGHBIO1

Update: AGL Resources Plans 12 Bcf Expansion at Existing 7.5 Bcf Jefferson Island Natural Gas Storage Facility in Louisiana

The Louisiana Mineral and Energy Board approved a legal settlement between AGL Resources' subsidiary Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC (JISH) and the state of Louisiana, allowing JISH to seek regulatory approval for a planned 12 Bcf expansion at its existing 7.5 natural gas storage facility in Louisiana, sources reported. The move came despite locals' concerns over the safety of the project. JISH agreed to limit its water withdrawals from a local water source, construct a barricade to protect nearby watercraft, and use the caverns only to store natural gas. http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/acadiana/78934987.html

http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20091210/NEWS01/912100320/1002/news01

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Other News

Department of Energy Offers \$245 Million Conditional Loan Guarantee to Red River Environmental Products for Planned Activated Carbon Facility in Louisiana

The company expects to produce 150 million pounds/year of activated carbon (AC). The AC, in turn, will remove 30,000 pounds of mercury from the flue gas of approximately 160 coal-fired power plants, the Department of Energy (DOE) said in a release.

http://www.energy.gov/news2009/8379.htm

Alter NRG, Canadian Hydro Developers Plan Trash-to-Gas Facility and Associated Power Plant in Alberta, Canada

Alter NRG and Canadian Hydro Developers plant to convert 60,000-to-70,000 tonnes/year of trash into syngas, and use the resultant syngas to fuel a power plant in Alberta, Canada, according to a news source. http://www.citizen.on.ca/news/2009/1209/regional_news/035.html

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices December 10, 2009				
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago	
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	69.98	76.52	45.74	
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	5.27	4.67	5.57	

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Substation Snag Cuts Power Briefly to about 20,000 KCP&L Customers in Missouri December 9

http://www.stjoenews.net/news/2009/dec/10/widespread-power-outage-affects-20000-st-joseph/?local

Winter Storm, Winds Knock Out Electricity to about 14,000 CVPS Customers in Vermont December 9

http://www.vermontbiz.com/news/december/winter-storm-high-winds-knock-out-power-14000-cvps-customers

Update: Human Error to Blame for Equipment Failure, Subsequent Shutdown of Grant County PUD's 956 MW Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Power Dam in Washington November 30

http://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2009/dec/09/dam-shutdown-comes-down-to-human-error/

Consultants to Begin Studying Possible 350-to-750 MW Wind Farm Offshore New York— Long Island-New York City Offshore Wind Collaborative Plans to Issue RFP in Spring 2010

MKW, 13:52 December 9, 2009

NRC Says 37 of 172 Sirens Fail during Emergency Testing at Entergy Nuclear's Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in New York December 9

http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=11649144

Update: Tres Amigas, LLC Files with FERC for Planned Renewable Energy Transmission Hub in New Mexico December 9—"Tres Amigas SuperStation" Would Enable Power Transfers Across Three U.S. Power Grids

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TVA Plans at Least \$1 Billion in Safety Improvements to Coal Ash Storage Facilities at 10 Coal-fired Power in United States

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Eleven Cyber-Attacks on U.S. Computer Networks during Third Quarter of 2009—Repository for Industrial Security Incidents

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Pennsylvania Seeks Proposals for 3-Plus MW Wind Farms—State Offering \$19.8 Million in Funds for Projects with, at the Latest, an April, 2012 Start-Date

http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/pennsylvania-governor-rendell-nearly-20-million-in-federal-funding-available-to-spur-wind-energy-projects-generate-orders-for-manufacturers-78892042.html

Coal to Be Globe's Primary Power Source Through 2020 as China and India Expand Coalfired Capacity

http://www.environmental-expert.com/resultEachPressRelease.aspx?cid=5122&codi=77025&lr=1

ExxonMobil Reports Liquid Sulfur Ignition, Flaring at 567,000 b/d Baytown, Texas Refinery December 9

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Update: Pemex Aims to Boost Production to 40,000 b/d by Year's End from Existing 30,000 b/d Chicontepec Basin in Mexico

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a id=83800

Update: Talisman Energy Boosts Production to 26,000 b/d at Previous 11,600 b/d Varg Field Offshore Norway

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Afren Says Ebok Block Offshore Nigeria Contains Estimated 93 Million Barrels of Recoverable Oil

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Service Station Operators Sue ExxonMobil, Claiming Gas Price Manipulation http://www.northjersey.com/news/business/78942447.html

Ivanhoe Energy Says Ecuadorian Block Contains 4.3-12.1 Billion Barrels of Oil

http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/drilling-to-begin-in-ivanhoe-energys-pungarayacu-field-in-ecuador-78952102.html

High Pressure, Valve Malfunction Trigger Engine Shutdown at McAlister Booster Station in Texas December 9-10

http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=133070

Update: ExxonMobil Resumes Drilling on Two Wells at Point Thomson Natural Gas and Condensate Field in North Slope, Alaska by December 9—Company Eyes First Production in 2014

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/exxonmobil/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&ndmConfigId=1001106&newsId=20091209005833&newsLang=en

Natural Gas Leak at Piedmont Natural Gas Pumping Station Triggers Brief Local Evacuations in North Carolina December 9

http://www.myfox8.com/wghp-robinhood-gas-leak-091209,0,4706925.story

Xcel Repairing Potentially-Malfunctioning Natural Gas Pipeline Connectors in North Dakota

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