

ATCO Electric crews working to restore widespread power outages

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ATCO Electric crews continue work to quickly and safely restore power to customers in communities throughout east-central Alberta as severe frost continues to cause some power lines to sag or break.

Communities experiencing power outages include Drumheller, Three Hills, Hanna, Oyen, Consort, Lloydminster, Vermilion, Vegreville, St. Paul and Bonnyville. Rural communities and some Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) are also experiencing outages.

“We have multiple crews working across the affected areas to safely restore power as quickly as possible,” said Brent Kobelka, Manager, Southeast Region, ATCO Electric.

“Right now, it’s hard to say exactly when all power will be back on. The heavy frost continues to cause new outages throughout the region. Our first priority is to fix the downed or sagging power lines that may pose a safety risk to our crews or the public.”

Repairs are expected to be completed throughout the day.

Residents are encouraged to contact ATCO Electric at 1-800-668-5506 to report sagging, damaged or downed overhead power lines and poles. Residents can also visit atcoelectric.com for more information about how to keep themselves and their home safe during a power outage.

Always assume that power lines are energized. Keep back a minimum of 10 metres or 30 feet from the sagging or downed wires or anything in contact with the wires