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MAJORITY OF PENELEC CUSTOMERS ONLINE FOLLOWING RECENT WEATHER EVENT

ERIE, PA – Erie County Emergency Management is reporting that power has been successfully restored to a majority of customers affected by the recent weather event that occurred on Tuesday.

At the peak of the outage, nearly 25,000 customers in Erie County were without power. However, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Penelec's skilled technicians and support teams, the number of customers without power has significantly decreased to 1,800 as of 3:00 on Thursday, January 11. Out of the remaining outages, 1,100 are located within the City of Erie limits, while 700 are dispersed throughout the county.

Penelec has informed Erie County that their teams are working around the clock to restore power to as many customers as possible.

As power continues to be restored to the remaining customers, County Executive Davis, along with Public Safety Management urges residents to check on the well-being of elderly and vulnerable individuals, especially as the weather turns colder again this weekend. It is crucial to ensure that everyone has access to necessary resources and support during these challenging circumstances.

"We understand the impact that power outages can have on our residents. We extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated men and women at Penelec, Public Safety, first responders and the linemen who demonstrated unparalleled resilience in the face of a major power outage. Your selfless efforts do not go unnoticed, and we thank you for the incredible service you provide to our community," said Brenton Davis

There are still resources available for those who do not have power. Currently there are three warming shelters open:

Fairfield Fire Department - 4896 E Lake Rd, Erie, PA 16511
Greenfield Fire Department - 10160 Station Rd, North East, PA 16428
Union City Fire Department - 50 Second Avenue, Union City, PA 16438

Erie County Public Safety encourages customers to report any ongoing outages or issues by contacting Penelec at, **1-888-544-4877**. Please only dial 911 in the case of an emergency.