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Beginning just after 5:00 pm Friday evening Alpena Power Customers began to experience power outages caused by Winter Storm Gerri. At the peak of the storm early this morning about 260 customers had lost power mostly in the Ossineke, Herron, and Hubbard Lake areas. As of 9:00 am there are 15 active outages affecting 215 customers. As the winter weather advisory continues until 12:00 pm and windy conditions are expected the rest of the weekend more outages are possible.

Alpena Power personnel continue to restore outages and will continue to do so throughout the storm.

Alpena Power hopes its customers stay diligent until the storm has passed and continue to follow their emergency plans including:

- Keep all electronic devices charged. It's advised to have an emergency battery or charging station available for use during an outage.
- Have an emergency kit that includes flashlights and extra batteries, water, canned food and blankets. Be prepared with enough medication, baby supplies and pet foods as applicable. A battery-operated radio is also a good idea.

Also keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Stay at least 25 feet away from downed wires and anything they are touching, keep children or pets away, and report the issue by calling 9-1-1 and Alpena Power Company at (989) 358-4900
- Be alert to crews working along slippery and snow-covered roads. Drivers should slow down or stop and wait for oncoming traffic to clear so they safely go past workers on roadsides.