



## **Bangor Hydro and Maine Public Service Assist CMP with Power Restoration**

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(Bangor and Presque Isle, ME) - Power restoration efforts wrapped up this morning for Bangor Hydro Electric Company following Hurricane Sandy. Crews from Bangor Hydro and Maine Public Service headed to Central Maine Power's service territory this morning to assist with restoration efforts in the Alfred and Portland areas.

Bangor Hydro is part of the North East Mutual Aid Group (NEMAG), which organizes deployment of utility crews throughout the Northeast during major power outage events. This morning, Bangor Hydro sent 14 two-person crews, three line supervisors and a mechanic to assist CMP. MPS sent three two-person crews, a mechanic and a line supervisor.

"We were pretty lucky overall as far as the severity of the storm," said Scott Richards, Line Supervisor at Bangor Hydro. "We had about 5500 outages and were able to have most customers restored within 24 hours, allowing us to release crews to assist elsewhere. MPS experienced lower wind speeds and responded to only one power outage during the storm."

Once power has been restored in CMP's service territory, both utilities will determine how many crews are available to assist with restoration at other utilities in New England.

"We want to be sure we leave enough crews in Maine to handle any additional outages that may come our way," Richards said.

About 3-million customers were without power in the Northeast because of the storm.

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