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**Ohioans Continue Recovery from Hurricane Ike Wind Storm
State utility providers' dedicated efforts reducing outage numbers**

COLUMBUS - Ohioans today are continuing their recovery from this past weekend's major wind storm, caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ike, with electric utility crews from several states progressing (delete) engaged in a round the clock effort to restore power service to millions of Ohioans impacted by the storm.

As of 3 p.m. today, Ohio's electric utility providers had restored service to more than 70 percent of those customers affected by outages since Sunday, with an overall reduction in the number of affected customers from 1.92 million Monday to 551,466 currently. During the past

24 hours, restoration crews have restored service to more than 345,000 customers across the state. Following are the latest service restoration updates from Ohio's electric utility providers:

- American Electric Power: Approximately 219,254 customers remain without service;
- Dayton Power & Light: Approximately 89,400 customers remain without service;
- Duke Energy: Approximately 173,870 customers in eight southwestern Ohio counties remain without service;
- First Energy: 65,101 customers remain without service in the utility provider's Ohio Edison and Illuminating Co. service areas;
- Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives: 3,841 customers remain without service, as 8 of Ohio's 24 electric cooperatives remained significantly impacted today; and,
- AMP-Ohio: Among the 81 public power communities in Ohio, restoration efforts had reduced the total impact to less than 150 customers as of this morning. Restoration efforts for those customers still affected were expected to complete sometime today.

The State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center is continuing to coordinate the state's response to the major wind storm that swept through Ohio Sunday, caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ike. Seven people lost their lives as a result of the storm, with widespread debris, damage and power outages impacting millions of Ohioans.

Ohioans are again reminded to exercise caution in the use auxiliary power/lighting sources such as generators and candles through the extended power outages across the state. Citizens are also urged to allow utility crews and local officials to safely address utility infrastructure repairs and restoration efforts by following all the safety guidelines related to these types of hazards. For the latest information on the state's coordinated response to the storm, visit www.ema.ohio.gov.

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