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BGE Crews Restoring Service to Customers Affected by Wind Storm

High sustained winds and gusts, downed trees and limbs on power lines and roadways expected through Saturday causing outages and challenging restoration efforts

BALTIMORE (March 2, 2018) – [BGE](#) is restoring service to customers who lost power due to the high winds that began affecting central Maryland overnight. Most of the outages have resulted from extremely high winds bringing trees and large tree limbs down on power lines and other electric equipment. Numerous wind gusts over 50 miles per hour have been observed throughout BGE's service area. BGE increased staffing and mobilized crews in advance of the storm.

Crews are working as quickly and safely as possible to restore service to customers who lose power. Challenging conditions include hazardous road conditions and downed trees and large limbs that must be removed from power lines before repairs can be completed. Additionally, operation of bucket trucks for overhead repairs is limited in high winds. High winds are expected to last through Saturday afternoon.

BGE asks all customers, including those with smart meters, to report their outage. Outages and downed wires may be reported by calling 877-778-2222, on BGE.com and through mobile devices. Outages may also be reported online at BGE.com and via BGE's free mobile app available today at the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#). To sign up for email and text notifications, visit BGE.com/alerts.

Outage information and important details on how to remain safe during winter weather and other emergency events can be found at the *storm center* on BGE.com and on BGE's social media sites [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Customers with special needs, such as those who may be elderly, disabled or dependent on electricity for medical equipment, should have alternate arrangements in place should they experience an extended power outage.

BGE's restoration priorities are public safety and critical care facilities, such as 911 centers, hospitals and pumping stations. Then restoration is generally scheduled so that the greatest number of customers can be restored as quickly and as safely as possible. However, in cases of extended power outages, consideration is also given to customers who have been without service for the longest.

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