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MEDIA RELEASE

The Lines Company (TLC) update on power restoration following last week's storm event

The Lines Company (TLC) today confirmed restoration of power supply to all but two customers in the Ohakune – National Park area following last week's storm event which brought heavy snow to a large part of the Central North Island over a two day period.

Both affected customers currently have generator supply pending completion of work on their lines.

Some 30 TLC field staff from Taumarunui, Te Kuiti and Turangi worked in the adverse weather conditions over the two days of the storm, restoring power to customers in Ohakune and National Park by around 9pm on Friday evening. The remainder of the work was completed by them on Saturday afternoon.

Much of the damage and supply interruption was caused by snow laden trees falling onto lines and poles, highlighting the importance of keeping trees away from power lines.

"We try to prepare for this type of situation as best we can in our maintenance programmes and work," said Chief Executive, Sean Horgan. "Conditions were difficult throughout last week's storm and it was slow going for our crews. We would like to thank affected customers for their help, understanding and support of our staff in the field, especially those who took the time to call in faults."

At the height of the outage approximately 1500 TLC customers in the area were without power. This number increased to around 3000 at times on Thursday and Friday as Transpower experienced intermittent faults supplying electricity into the area.

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