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## **Overnight storm affects power supply to some Lines Company customers**

Stormy conditions caused intermittent cuts to power supply for some Lines Company customers around parts of Te Kuiti and Taumarunui overnight.

Areas of the King Country experienced multiple lightning strikes from around 6.30pm on Sunday evening. A direct strike on a transformer at Paekaka Road saw some 275 customers on the Mahoenui Feeder at times affected for periods ranging from two through 30 minutes. The transformer's structure was severely damaged. The single customer on this line remains on generator supply while priority is given to repairing major feeder lines. Repairs to the transformer are expected to be made on Tuesday.

Repairs to a storm-related equipment failure on the Northern Feeder at Taumarunui are now complete. This repair replaces the temporary one made to ensure supply without major impact to the 191 customers at the height of the storm last night. In some instances customers were without power for around half an hour this morning while crews worked on the repair.

Ongoing lightning strikes and flooding on roads around the region are hampering access to repair damage to some lines. TLC field crews continue to work through the storm-related faults. Customers are advised to treat all lines as live at all times.

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