

Media statement – for immediate release

4.00pm, Sunday 22 Sept 2013 – next update 4.00pm tomorrow

Power restoration efforts ongoing

Less than 150 rural Orion customers will be without electricity tonight following the most destructive storm to hit Canterbury in 40 years. The windstorm originally took out power to 28,000 Orion customers.

“All of our crews and many others from outside our region are doing all they can to get power back onto everyone. It is slow progress as the repairs we are onto now are taking many hours to complete yet they only bring back power to a few customers. For those still without power it is a very frustrating time and I thank these customers for their ongoing patience and tolerance,” says Orion Chief Executive Rob Jamieson.

We ask any residents using generators to get them installed by registered electricians to ensure the safety of the linesmen repairing the network.

If you see a fallen power line, or a tree on a power line, please stay well clear and call us on 0800 363 9898.

Our next update will be at 4.00pm tomorrow, Monday.

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