Ohioans Continue Recovery from June 29th Severe Weather Event

COLUMBUS - Ohioans today are continuing their recovery from this past weekend's severe storm, with electric utility crews working around the clock to restore power service to the remaining Ohioans impacted by the storm.

As of 3:00pm this afternoon, Ohio's electric utility providers have restored service to more than 70 percent of those customers affected by outages since Friday, with an overall reduction in the number of affected customers from just under a million customers Friday to 212,636 currently.

Following are the latest service restoration updates from Ohio's electric utility providers:

- American Electric Power: Approximately 187,000 customers remain without service;
- Dayton Power & Light: Approximately 500 customers remain without service;
- Duke Energy: All power has been restored;
- First Energy: 750 customers remain without service;
- Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives: 20,500 customers remain without service,
- South Central Power: 3,886 customers remain without service.

The State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center is continuing to coordinate the state's response to the severe weather event that swept through Ohio Friday evening. One woman lost her life 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.
July 3: Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor and Ohio Department of Aging Director ask Ohio’s colleges and universities to urge their students to help those affected by the outages and heat.

July 2: The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) ask the federal government for permission to issue mass food assistance replacement cards to individuals enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) who lost food due to power outages.

July 2: FEMA delivers initial water supplies to the local level.

July 1: Members of the Ohio National Guard deploy across the state to help check on Ohioans who may be at risk from power outages and extreme heat.

June 30: Gov. Kasich's request for federal assistance is approved.

June 30: Gov. Kasich speaks to the President to request federal assistance and spoke with utility company CEOs and local elected officials to make state resources available.

June 30: Gov. Kasich declares an emergency for the entire state of Ohio so state agencies and the National Guard can assist local government response and recovery efforts.

June 29: Ohio’s Emergency Operations Center in Columbus activates to coordinate state and local storm recovery efforts.

June 29: Severe storms knock out power for approximately one million homes and businesses across two-thirds of the state.

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