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PSE&G Prepares for Approaching Storm System

High winds and heavy rain can cause challenging conditions

(NEWARK, N.J. – February 24, 2016) Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), New Jersey's largest electric and gas utility, is preparing for the approaching storm system that is expected to bring rain and high winds to the state. Additional electric and gas personnel are at the ready to respond to any outages caused by the predicted high winds and potential flooding.

"Wind gusts upwards of 50 miles per hour can make for challenging conditions," said John Latka, senior vice president of electric and gas operations for PSE&G. "This storm certainly has the potential to knock down wires, and excessive rain could breach underground electric and gas facilities. These conditions also make it difficult for our crews on the roads, and we can't go up in buckets to make electric repairs in extremely windy conditions. We will respond to service interruptions as quickly and safely as possible."

In advance of the storm, PSE&G advises customers to prepare an emergency kit that includes:

- [Water](#), one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- [Food](#), at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Manual can opener for food
- Cell phone with chargers

PSE&G urges its customers to be cautious during and after the storm:

- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, do not run any gasoline powered engine, including generators and snowblowers, in a garage or any other enclosed space.
- Downed wires should always be considered "live." Do not approach or drive over a downed line and do not touch anything that it might be in contact with.

To report downed wires or power outages, call PSE&G's Customer Service line at 1-800-436-PSEG. Also, customers can report outages by logging into their PSE&G account online or by texting "OUT" to 4PSEG (47734). The utility's mobile-friendly website includes an "Outage Map" that is updated every 15 minutes and displays the location and status of power outages in PSE&G's service area.

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