



PRESS RELEASE

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PowerNet's three networks have once again been subjected to severe storm conditions resulting in more power interruptions and network disturbance in the region.

PowerNet Chief Executive, Jason Franklin said the stormy weather experienced during the last three days had affected an excess of 11,000 connected customers over the three PowerNet managed networks.

"As at 3pm today we have 400 customers who are without supply over the Southland and Otago regions, we were prepared for the onset of this storm and have staff and contractors working to restore supply to the affected customers," Mr Franklin said.

"On Sunday evening we had over 11,000 of our 70,000 customers without power. By Tuesday this was down to less than 100 customers without power. However this next severe weather front is again causing significant interruptions to power supply and more interruptions can be expected"

"The safe restoration of supply is our priority at this point, but restoration is subject to weather conditions," he said.

"We are aware of the importance of power supply to our customers and thank them for their continued patience, it's been a tough few days for us all," Mr Franklin said.

PowerNet is the fifth largest network management company and manages five networks in the lower South Island.

The three affected networks were The Power Company, Electricity Invercargill and OtagoNet which together have approximately 70,000 connected customers.

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