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PowerNet's managed networks were subjected to strong wind conditions with customers throughout Southland and Otago experiencing power interruptions and network disturbances on Saturday 21 November.

PowerNet chief operating officer, Justin Peterson said the company had been extremely busy with power outages since the strong winds began on Saturday morning.

"We had a large number of customers who experienced outages on The Power Company and OtagoNet networks during the storm event. All affected customers had power supply restored by late Sunday," Mr Peterson said.

"The safety and well-being of employees and the community are our first priorities when working in severe weather conditions."

The company would like to remind the public to never approach broken lines on the ground. If they see damage to the network or PowerNet's electrical equipment please keep themselves and other people well away.

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