

**Media Release**  
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## **Northland Storm Event Update – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – 7pm**

Local electricity generation and lines network company, Top Energy is advising power consumers that its network is still experiencing a small number of power outages following the weekend's storm event.

At the height of the storm, over 12,000 customers were affected, with approximately 4,000 without power overnight on Saturday. Top Energy crews worked tirelessly through the night in appalling conditions to restore supply to the vast majority as quickly as possible.

According to Top Energy's General Manager, Networks, Keith Gilby, as at 6:00pm this evening, power has been restored to most of Far North consumers affected.

"Power to some 3,900 consumers has been restored during the course of the day. We currently have one remaining 11,000 volt line fault, affecting approximately 100 customers north of Te Kao. There are also a small number of low voltage lines currently to be repaired. As a consequence, approximately 100 power consumers may still be without power tonight across the region. We again apologise for the inconvenience caused to power consumers and assure them our staff will do all we can to restore full services as soon as possible", Gilby said. END.

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