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ETSA Utilities prepares for more wild weather

ETSA Utilities is preparing for the possibility of more power outages across the State as severe weather is forecast to hit South Australia again this afternoon.

General Manager Services, Sue Filby, said additional crews had been brought on and worked through the night to restore electricity to the 35,000 customers who were without power for various periods between 12noon yesterday and 7am today as a result of wild weather.

“Our crews have worked in very difficult conditions to restore power to affected customers and as a result, less than 200 people are currently without power,” said Ms Filby.

“Strong wind gusts and rain have impacted the network over the past 24 hours and we can expect the same sort of conditions today.

“The majority of outages have been caused by tree branches and other flying debris hitting and bringing down powerlines, impacting customers across regional SA and throughout the metropolitan area,” she said.

Ms Filby said additional crews had been rostered on for this afternoon and evening as ETSA Utilities planned for similar weather conditions today.

“We thank customers for their patience and encourage them to contact us on 13 13 66 to report any new faults.”

Information on power outages is available from the ETSA Utilities website at www.etsautilities.com.au, which is accessible for many mobile phones.

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About ETSA Utilities

ETSA Utilities is South Australia's electricity distributor, delivering energy from the transmission network through poles, wires, substations and transformers to about 800,000 customers. With more than 60 years experience, we are one of South Australia's largest organisations which employs about 1750 people throughout metropolitan and regional South Australia.

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