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PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Kevin Sutherland, City Administrator
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RE: **Storm cleanup and power outages**

Last night's storm has caused widespread damage and has left more than half of the Central Maine Power Company customers in Saco without power. Undoubtedly this will cause a significant inconvenience for many Saco residents. At this time, the Saco Transportation Center will be available to residents as a place to keep warm, charge your electronic devices, and use the restrooms. The Transportation Center, located at 138 Main Street, will be open until 9:00 PM tonight and will re-open again at 7:00 AM tomorrow morning. There are no plans for establishing any short term shelters at this time. Any updates will be communicated as they become available.

Due to the widespread damage and number of outages, Central Maine Power will be spending the next 24 hours securing downed lines and addressing safety concerns. The number of residents without power in York County (and across the state) is being compared to the impacts of the Ice Storm of '98. Recovery efforts are expected to take several days.

Our dispatchers, first responders, and public works crews have worked tirelessly to answer calls regarding fallen power lines and trees, and to safely clear the roadways. At this time, we are working to ensure that all roads are accessible for emergency response vehicles. We appreciate your patience as the cleanup continues. Please be aware that our crews are unable to perform work around power lines and this must be handled by CMP directly. Please contact CMP at 1-800-696-1000 regarding any power outages and call 911 if you see downed power lines or experience an emergency.

Residents are urged to use extreme caution and to exercise basic safety practices as they cleanup from the storm. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper use of chainsaws, portable generators, and be mindful to protect your family from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Saco residents, be safe, be cautious, and we will get through this!