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UPPCO PREPARES FOR SPRING STORM AND URGES CUSTOMERS TO BE SAFE

Marquette - Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) is reminding its customers, and the general public, that spring weather patterns can result in power outages, tree damage, and dangerous travel conditions.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued various storm warnings across the entire Upper Peninsula from March 28, 2025, through Sunday, March 30, 2025. Significant ice accumulation up to one-half inch has been predicted. Additionally, there is a potential for heavy wet snow.

"UPPCO is actively monitoring the predicted storm and will continue to do so throughout the weekend as the system develops," said Dan Freeborn, UPPCO's Manager of Communications & External Affairs. "UPPCO crews are prepared to respond to outages, and as a precaution, we've contracted additional stand-by crews."

Never approach or touch downed power lines or trees and tree branches that are leaning on or are in contact with power lines or service drops. "Downed power lines may be energized, even if your power is out, and can seriously harm or kill you if contacted. It's also important to be mindful of portable generator safety when using them during power outages. Additional tips for staying safe during inclement weather can be found at <u>uppco.com/safety</u>," said Freeborn.

UPPCO is asking customers to report any outages they are experiencing by calling UPPCO's Customer Care Center at (906) 449-2011 or through its Online Portal at <u>www.uppco.com</u>. Customers may experience longer than usual wait times when contacting the Customer Care Center due to weather related call volumes.

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