PRESS RELEASE- Hurricane Sandy

The major storm Sandy left Ontario waking up the morning of Tuesday, October 30th to downed trees, power outages, transit problems and one known death.

One of the largest storms to ever hit the United States devastated the East coast causing 113 deaths and leaving millions without power. The giant storm swamped New York City's subway system, submerged streets in Manhattan, flooded three towns in New Jersey and caused hundreds to evacuate their homes. More than a million people in a dozen states were under order to evacuate and millions of others left powerless as Sandy continued westward; the storm later made its way up to Toronto where winds reached speeds up to 100km/h on the night of Monday, October 29th.

At least 55,000 Toronto citizens were without power by 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning after trees wiped out multiple power lines. The areas that saw the worst of the storm were East York, Scarborough, the Upper Beaches, Leaside and the Junction. By late Tuesday morning power was restored to over half of the Toronto residents who had been hit by the storm; however, some residents did not regain power until Thursday, November 1st. The Toronto District School Board closed 16 schools on Tuesday, October 30th as a result of the power outages.

As of 8 a.m. Tuesday morning, 150,000 individuals across Ontario were without power. It was indicated that power would not be restored in some areas until as late as 11 p.m. Tuesday night. As the storm persisted, South-Western Ontario received 25-35mm of rain between Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Several schools in South-Western Ontario were also closed Tuesday due to power outages. Outages were recorded between Ottawa and Windsor and northbound towards the Georgian Bay. In Quebec, 48,000 homes and businesses were also without power on Tuesday morning.

Hundreds of major businesses in Ontario were left without power on the morning of October 30th including Imperial Oil Ltd in Sarnia. A company that usually produced 121,000 barrels of oil a day had to shut down and now will be forced to redo several units as a result of the outages.

By Tuesday morning Environment Canada had lifted earlier wind warnings for southern Ontario, except for Sarnia where winds continued to blow up to 100km/h.

Toronto Pearson Airport had cancelled over a quarter of their flights scheduled between October 29th and October 30th, and Porter Airport grounded all flights out of Toronto beginning Monday at 3 p.m. through to noon on Tuesday.

Total Power's thoughts go out to all who were affected by the storm Sandy. If you wish to learn more about how Total Power can help you with all your emergency power needs please give us a call toll free at 888-870-9152. Don't wait for electrical power to be restored, think ahead and contact Total Power for your solution!

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