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Press Release

Odessa Power Outage

Odessa, MO, July 12, 2010: As has been the case in recent weeks, another round of severe thunderstorms swept through Odessa yesterday afternoon, 11 July.

Lightning and high wind, via tree limbs, took out parts of the North loop in the City. Many of the tree limbs were in a field unable to be reached by heavy equipment. City line crews were forced to repair the lines by hand. Crews replaced approximately six (6) fuses, one (1) transformer plus nearly one dozen individual electric services to private residences due to trees falling into them. Power was restored City-wide just before 10:30pm. Reports of flooding, downed trees into buildings and residences, and other asset damage, city-wide, have been received by City Hall as a result of this line of storms.

Continued clean-up is ongoing and property owners with limbs needing to be removed should place them by the curb as soon as possible. Maximum length is 15' or smaller. Property owners must cut larger limbs to 15' or smaller for handling by City crews. Please be patient as we work to remove all limbs in a reasonable amount of time.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience this incident has caused. Unfortunately, it was an "act of God" and out of our immediate oversight and control. City crews responded immediately to restore power. The City will be working in the future in areas of preventive measures to identify other areas of concern. Should you have continuing power problems as a result of this event, please contact the City of Odessa at (816) 230-5577.

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