



**NEWS RELEASE – December 27, 2013 at 8 p.m.**

**Veridian updates its community power outage status report**

**Ajax, ON** – Veridian is continuing power restoration efforts in the communities affected by last weekend’s severe ice storm. The utility has been successful in restoring power to the majority of its customers in Ajax, Clarington and Port Hope, while restoration efforts in north Pickering are proving to be difficult due to heavy tree coverage.

While the vast majority of customers affected by the storm have had their service restored, Veridian is maintaining its line and tree trimming resource levels of the past few days, and is focussing their efforts on north Pickering.

Following is an outage status report for each of the communities in which Veridian is aware of customers that continue to be without service:

**Ajax, Clarington and Port Hope:** All affected customers have had power restored, with the exception of individual customers who must undertake repair or tree trimming work on privately owned equipment.

**Pickering** – Approximately 200 customers remain without service. The known affected streets are summarized below. Streets that were listed in Veridian’s outage status report of 11 a.m. today and that have since been restored are included in this summary with a ‘RESTORED’ notation.

Audley Rd s/of Hwy 7 - RESTORED	Golf Club Rd	S/L 24 s/of Hwy 7
Balsam	Greenwood Rd – n/of Conc 5 - RESTORED	S/L 26 n/of Conc 7 - RESTORED
Beatrice	Markham Pickering Townline	S/L 26 s/of Conc 7
Benton Cres	Paddock Road	S/L 34 s/of Hwy 7 - RESTORED
Bookshire Sq	Pine Heights Trail	S/L 4 - RESTORED
Conc 4 w/of Brock	S/L 12	S/L 8 - RESTORED
Conc 5 e/of Westney	S/L 14 Conc 8 to Con 9 - RESTORED	Sandtrap
Conc 7 e/of Salem	S/L 14	Spruce Hill s/of Shadybrook Dr - RESTORED
Conc 8 between Westney and Lakeridge - RESTORED	S/L 16	Whitevale Rd w/of Altona
Conc 8 e/ Brock	S/L 22 n/of Hwy 7	William Jackson Drive - RESTORED
Earl Gray - RESTORED	S/L 23	Church St n/of Taunton Rd - RESTORED
Foreststream	S/L 24 n/of Hwy 7- RESTORED	

Residents or businesses that are without power and are not included in the areas summarized above should call 1-866-579-6819 to report their status.

While Veridian continues to be committed to restoring power to all affected customers as quickly as possible, equipment damage affecting individual customers may result in prolonged power outages.

In some cases, repairs to customer owned meter bases and service masts (see picture below) must be completed before Veridian is able to restore service to individual customers. The repair or replacement of such equipment must be carried out by a licensed electrical contractor retained by the customer. Approved contractors can be found at <http://applications.dmtispatial.com/esa/> or by calling ESA at 1-877-372-7233.



Customers are reminded to exercise extreme caution around damaged poles and downed wires. All fallen wires should be considered live and dangerous. Customers are urged to report the locations of fallen wires to Veridian's 24-hour Outage Hotline by calling 1-866-579-6819.

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