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STREET LIGHT UPDATE FOLLOWING DECEMBER 11 TORNADOES

(Bowling Green, Ky.) The December 11th tornadoes that ripped through the middle of the city did extensive damage to BGMU's pole infrastructure. As poles fell, so too did all of the attachments to the poles, including street lights. Supplementing BGMU's electric line crews with assistance from sister utilities, water-sewer crews working as groundsmen, and contracted crews, BGMU was able to rebuild the pole line and electrical circuits within 12 days. In addition to marshaling labor, BGMU was fortunate to have great vendor and utility support in acquiring sufficient materials to accomplish that task as quickly as it did. Vendors and manufactures were able to get BGMU's material needs to the front of the line.

Now begins the task of street light repair, both lamping thoroughfares and lamping neighborhoods. The issue of supply chain woes continues. The throughput BGMU experienced from vendors for pole line restoration may not play out as quickly for street lights. Additionally, there is a lot of variability in street lighting, from stand-alone poles (wood vs. decorative vs. fiberglass), lamps and fixtures (standard vs. decorative), wattage / lumens, etc. which complicates material ordering. Because it will take more time to receive materials, BGMU crews may have to place street lights at every second or third pole initially and back-fill in as procurement orders are filled. As BGMU's focus will be on rebuilding the street light system destroyed in the tornados, its ability to replace "regular" burned out lights outside of the damaged areas will wane and add to public frustration.

Street lighting repair is important to BGMU and is ramping up to be a big part of its on-going operations. BGMU certainly understands the public's anxiety of the darkness and is working to rectify that. BGMU asks for your patience and will keep you updated as it progresses through this phase of restoration.

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About BGMU

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities provides electricity, water, wastewater services and high speed commercial data services to the Bowling Green area. The utility serves over 30,000 electric customers, 20,000 water/wastewater customers and 800 commercial fiber customers. For more information, please visit our website, www.bgm.com.
