

Hundreds Lose Power In Holmen Outage

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ABOUT 17-HUNDRED XCEL CUSTOMERS IN HOLMEN HAVE LOST THEIR ELECTRICITY THIS MORNING...

XCEL SPOKESWOMAN LIZ WOLF GREEN SAYS AN EQUIPMENT FAILURE AT A SUBSTATION CAUSED AN OUTAGE JUST BEFORE 8 A-M. SHE DENIES REPORTS OF AN EXPLOSION AT THE SUBSTATION, BUT SAYS THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. POWER COULD BE RESTORED BEFORE NOON. MEANWHILE, THE HOLMEN FIRE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TO LET PEOPLE STAY AT THE AIR CONDITIONED FIRE STATION FOR A WHILE, IF THEY CAN'T STAY COOL INSIDE THEIR HOMES WITHOUT ELECTRICITY.