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ENTERGY STILL WORKING TO REPAIR LIGHTNING DAMAGED SUBSTATION IN KENNER

Severe weather passing through the New Orleans region on May 11th left approximately 7,000 plus Kenner customers without power. The culprit was a lightning strike that damaged a substation in Kenner's University City.

Working last week on repairs, the damage required Entergy to do field switching in order to pick-up load temporarily to the circuits that lost power. That switching put additional load on the alternate circuits resulting in a couple of short term outages on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The contractor Entergy utilizes for switchgear repair is scheduled to be onsite Monday, 5/20/2013. Entergy is conducting preliminary clean-up and supplemental evaluations this weekend to be prepared for the contractor's arrival. Once the contractor is on site, Entergy plans to work extended hours in order to get the switchgear back in service. The estimated repairs should be completed in one working week.

Entergy Customer Service Manager Manny Silver said there are no planned outages while the repair work is being performed. "The only thing customers may experience is a momentary blink. If we discover anything that may cause an outage due to the repairs, we will remain in contact with Mayor Yenni."

Mayor Mike Yenni is scheduled to have a meeting with Entergy representatives on Tuesday morning to discuss the most recent issues as well as infrastructure concerns. "I want to be sure we are all on the same page and as well prepared as possible prior to the start of hurricane season."

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