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Subject: JCP & L Restoration of Sandyston Township

Good Morning Josh,

Thank you for personally reaching out to me on my house phone recently. When you asked me how it was going with the power outage, I replied we were seeing very little work being done in Sandyston but were assured by JCP&L the majority of customers would be restored by 11:30 PM Tuesday and most of the restoration process in Sandyston would be resetting and repowering customers with no damage between where power was and their service. We do have a one area with a dozen residents or so along the Delaware River just north of the Dingmans Bridge that does have quite a bit of damage and they would be days after the projected restoration time.

Well, in the last 60 hours since we talked we have had only a hand full of residents reset and repowered. We are still at almost 60% of our town without power. The only physically repair work was one truck yesterday that did about 45 minutes physical work clearing wires of Cemetery Road. No resetting of ANY customers in Sandyston since late Monday when they reset and powered about 25 customers in the center of Layton due to my constant pleas to reset and power a fire station and the DPW in Layton. That is when they send one truck in Sandyston late Monday and did manage to find the reset of the Fire station but have STILL not reset the DPW – less than 100 yards from the Fire station. And when I told my JCP&L rep they missed the DPW, they sent a new person in a pickup truck to assess the situation. The resident living next door to the DPW came to the town hall and informed me they showed that person what line needed to be reset to restore the DPW and by the way the road (Maple Lane) JCP&L told me there was work order for Sunday that never got done. Each day since Saturday after the storm we have seen 2 to 4 different pickup trucks of JCP&L and various other power companies from Ohio other southern states wondering aimlessly throughout Sandyston with 2 people in each. After following them for some time, I discreetly asked them what they are doing. They all reply assessing. I understand they need to assess the damage in order to formulate a restoration plan. But since Saturday all we see each day is more assessment and no action. I understand the actual physical repair of the wires and poles will take time but doing nothing to reset the customers that do not need physical wire and poles repaired and just sending these out of state workers into Sandyston to assess the same damage a different crew assessed yesterday and a different crew assessed the day before that is ridiculous and inefficient. Smoke and Mirrors is what I call that. Sandyston as of this morning, has the most % of customers without power in Sussex County: 58%. The next is Stillwater with 44% and after that it drops to 31% in Wantage and Freedom. Sandyston has been caught in JCP&L's inability to deploy the massive work force they assembled in Sussex County.

Josh, today I need your help – can you get JCP&L to give Sandyston our fair share of the man power JCP&L has assembled in Sussex county to reset the vast majority of the 676 customers we have without power NOW – RIGHT NOW – and then get the repair of poles and wires to the areas where customers have damage to the system. It will be too little too late for my residents but I am desperate at this point. Not resetting those without damage by this point after the Friday storm is dysfunctional. Not starting any repair of the downed wires and poles is inefficient and disorganized.

Please help my residents.

George Harper
Mayor Sandyston Township

Please use my cell to contact me.