

Storms down more poles in far Western Maricopa County/Eastern Yuma County

Power restoration wrapping up in Ajo/Gila Bend; continuing from Dateland to Harquahala

APS crews once again labored through the night to restore power to our customers. This time, however, it was a new area of Southwestern Arizona that caught the brunt of the storm that hit around 6 p.m. yesterday.

The hard-hit area stretched from the Harquahala Valley in the north to beyond Dateland in the south. The storm downed approximately two dozen poles on the 69-kilovolt (kV) circuit that extends west out of Tonopah, through Harquahala and down and around to the Dateland area.

Approximately 1,490 of the more than 2,000 affected customers remain out of service. They are in the communities of Aztec, Dateland, Bunyan, Harquahala, Horn, Hyder, Paloma and Saddle Mountain.

This outage is expected to extend into tomorrow and there currently is no estimated time of restoration.

Ajo/Gila Bend update

APS crews made significant progress yesterday replacing poles and equipment in the areas affected by Sunday night's storm.

Crews from Yuma and Flagstaff came in to assist local crews with restoration efforts.

They continued working through the night and completed repairs to the 230-kV structures that were damaged in Sunday night's storm.

They also began bringing customers back on line earlier this morning.

Approximately 80 - 90 percent of our customers in the Ajo/Gila Bend areas were back in service between 8:00 and 8:45 this morning.

The customers that remain without power include a few residential accounts and several dozen well banks that are used for agriculture and cattle.

Due to last night's storm that hit western Maricopa County and caused additional damage to APS facilities, there is no estimated time for restoring power to these customers.

Dry ice distribution

The APS Hauling Department picked up eight bins (16,000 pounds) of dry ice last night and delivered it to locations in Dateland, Gila Bend and Harquahala.

The company has another four bins (8,000 pounds) of dry ice ready for distribution this morning.

Editor's note: Above photos courtesy of Energy Delivery Operations and Maintenance. Additional photos are available at [aps.com](https://www.aps.com). You also can [click here to view more photos](#) of APS crews working to restore power near Gila Bend.