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Failed Xcel transmission affects CCEC service

Fargo – A Cass County Electric substation at the corner of 42nd St. S and I-94 that is interconnected to an Xcel transmission line, lost power on Friday October 8 for 39 minutes when the Xcel transmission line failed near Walgreens on 13th Ave. S. Approximately 6,900 CCEC members lost power. The outage time was greatly reduced for over 5,000 affected members by CCEC's ability to remotely switch lines with its smart grid from its Fargo Control Center. The transmission line tripped out of service when a crossarm that supports wires failed, allowing the wires to come in contact.

Cass County Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit, customer owned electric distribution system serving over 34,000 members in a 10 county area in southeastern North Dakota. Headquartered in Kindred, CCEC has service centers in Fargo, Valley City, Lisbon and Arthur. Cass County Electric's wholesale power supplier is Minnkota Power Cooperative.

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