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3,500 Still Without Power

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (CBC) - Maritime Electric crews are still trying to restore service to thousands of customers on P.E.I. who've been without power since Tuesday. Heavy wet snow and high winds had 16,000 households without power at one point on Tuesday. The storm brought down about 100 power poles.

The Malpeque area on the North Shore was the hardest hit, with about 60 poles down. The lack of power means a lot more work for Leah Harris and her husband, Ron, who raise miniature horses in Kensington. They need to get water to the horses, but without electricity the pumps don't work, so they're melting snow in the house.

But Harris has no complaints.

"It could be a whole lot worse than what it is," Harris told CBC News Wednesday. "It makes you realize and appreciate how lucky we are and when we do have power, how lucky it is to have that luxury."

Maritime Electric said it hopes to have power restored to all customers in the area some time Friday. Twenty-seven crews are at work to restore the power, including four from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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