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To whom it may concern,

I feel that CL&P's priorities and procedures after damaging storms should be changed.

I am a former SNET Outside Network Designer and spent 15 years working with CL&P Field Technicians designing utility pole lines

Restoring power is very important but I feel that clearing downed trees that involve power lines from the roads to allow emergency vehicles (police, fire, and ambulances) passage is equally important.

The power companies should send out their Field Technicians and Engineers to disconnect the power going up roads where the wires are down. A line truck is not required to do this. The Technicians have a telescoping pole and special gloves that they can use to disconnect the power while standing on the ground.

This way town public works departments, fire departments, and supervised volunteers can clear the downed trees from the roads.

If this is mentioned to the utility companies they will probably play the "safety issue card", saying that if someone has a generator improperly installed and is sending power back to the lines on the street someone could get hurt. I feel that the chances of this are very slim. If someone sent power to the pole line on the street it would go to every building that was still connected to the utility lines and the load would cause the generator to shut down. Clearing roads should have a much higher priority!

Respectfully,

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