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July 24, 2012 – Beloit, WI: City of Beloit crews are still working on clearing debris throughout the City of Beloit. As of 3:00 p.m., Alliant Energy listed 1,262 customers without power, down from the 7,000 customers who experienced power outages this morning.

Several roads are still closed to through traffic due to either a downed power line, or significant debris. The City's Public Works crews and City inspectors will continue to assess the damage and roads will be open after debris is removed and power lines are properly removed and repaired.

Residents are encouraged to use caution when clearing debris on their private property. Residents may place their debris on their terrace and Public Works crews will pick up the debris beginning Wednesday, July 25, through Friday, August 3. Refuse and recycling pick-up will remain on schedule but may be delayed due to anticipated high volumes.

This morning, emergency crews responded to 220 emergency calls within six hours. The Fire Department initiated a Disaster Box alarm and received the assistance of ten Fire Departments. This morning the City of Beloit had 80 Fire Fighters available to assist with the

high call volume. The Department of Public Works deployed 69 crew members on the streets helping with debris removal. The Department of Public Works requested mutual aid and will have the assistance of two municipalities on Wednesday, July 25 to assist with debris removal.

The Police and Fire Department encourages residents to call (608) 757-2244 with non-emergency calls and 9-1-1 if they have an emergency. Public Works questions should be directed to (608) 364-2929.

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