

2006/2007 POWER OUTAGES ACROSS U.S.

July 18, 2006, and continuing for [over one week](#), upwards of 50,000 Queens, New York, and Westchester County Con Edison customers lost power due to excessive heat and dilapidated infrastructure. In Astoria, several power lines and transformers caught fire, melted, or failed as Con Edison attempted to restore service. Two air control towers at LaGuardia Airport lost power briefly on the 18th, resulting in the cancellation of some 45 flights and re-routing of 11 others. Subway service on several Queens lines (7, E, F, N, R, V, and W) was suspended and/or reduced throughout the outage. On July 20, Con Edison announced that approximately 2,500 Queens customers were still without power. On July 21, Con Edison announced a revised estimate of "at least 25,000." On the same day, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg stated that Con Edison's definition of "customer" referred to each building they provided power and that the [number of people without power was possibly 100,000](#). More than 3,000 Con Edison customers - an estimated 10,000 people - remained without power as of July 24, 2006.



July 18, 2006, upwards of [365,000 PECO customers of the Philadelphia area lost power](#) due to violent storms with 71-mph winds, which left two dead and thousands of dollars in property damage. In addition, around 26,000 homes were without power in New Jersey, as well as thousands in the Northeast stretching from rural Pennsylvania to southwestern Connecticut.

July 19, 2006, at least [486,000 customers lost power](#) in the greater St. Louis, Missouri, area due to 80-mile-per-hour winds and thunderstorms that rolled through the area. Two-thirds of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport was out of power, stranding hundreds who slept on the concourses. A portion of the airport's roof sheared off and flew onto Interstate 70, closing lanes. A heat advisory for the area was issued due to temperatures reaching 104°F.

December 1, 2006 in St. Louis, as a result of a winter storm, about [350,000 power outages](#).

December 15, 2006, Washington. A huge windstorm caused a power failure throughout the Seattle area, [causing 1 million people to lose power](#). Areas like Tacoma, Seattle, Federal Way, Bremerton, Everett, and Bellevue were affected. [Some areas were without service for 4-5 days](#).

January 12 to January 24, 2007, United States & Canada - About [1 million customers from Texas to the Atlantic lost power](#) due to a series of winter storms including 330,000 in Missouri, 200,000 in Michigan and 120,000 in Oklahoma due to an ice storm.

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