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TEMPORARY ELECTRIC CABLE INSTALLED IN ROSS GLEN

MEDICINE HAT – Lightning earlier this week is likely the cause of the cable fault that resulted in the power outage in Ross Glen on Wednesday.

“An early assessment of the cable that was removed indicates lightning was likely what damaged the cable. The damage, combined with increased load Wednesday due to the high temperatures, most likely resulted in the cable failing and power outage,” says Kendall Woodacre, General Manager of the Electric Utility. “After restoring power to customers throughout the day and re-energizing the main cable feed, we experienced a second main cable fault around 4 p.m. A small number of customers were affected until 5 p.m.”

The Electric Utility began rerouting power into the area and crews are now in the process of installing a temporary replacement cable across Ross Glen Drive and down the back lane of Ross Haven Avenue, Ross Haven Place. The installation of the temporary cable should be completed by 7 a.m. Friday.

After the temporary cable is in place, the Electric Utility will begin installing a new permanent cable to reinforce Medicine Hat’s electrical reliability.

A power outage to the Ross Glen area occurred at 5:47 p.m. June 22, 2005 when a main line feeder supplied from the South Ridge Substation tripped. The fault was located underneath the asphalt on Ross Glen Drive, requiring crews to cut through the asphalt to access the cable for repairs.

“If people experience any further power outages, we encourage them to contact the Electric Utility Power Outages at 529-8260,” says Woodacre.

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