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**ENERGYUNITED PREPARES FOR COLD WEATHER BY OFFERING TIPS TO ITS MEMBERS;
CREWS STAND READY SHOULD POWER OUTAGES OCCUR**

STATESVILLE, N.C. –With frigid temperatures predicted this week, EnergyUnited offers the following tips to help keep members comfortable and to help them save on heating costs:

- Open the blinds or curtains during the day to let the sun help heat your home. Remember to close them at night.
- Limit use of space heaters to short amounts of time for spot heating as lengthy use can drive up heating costs.
- The kitchen is for cooking. Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- When the fireplace isn't in use, make sure the flue damper is tightly closed.
- Do not burn charcoal indoors because that can produce carbon monoxide fumes. Also, use generators outside. Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.
- Limit use of exhaust fans in kitchens and bathrooms. Use only as long as necessary to reduce warm air loss.
- Wear extra layers of clothing and use extra blankets on the bed so that you can set your thermostat as low as comfortable.
- Log on to your EnergyAdvantage account to keep up with your electric use. If we've had a few days of frigid temperatures, see how you can try to save on days that are milder.

While current weather predictions are not calling for snow or icy weather, being prepared for an outage is always important. Be sure to keep a list of emergency phone numbers, including the EnergyUnited outage reporting number: 1-800 EUNITED (1-800-386-4833). EnergyUnited crews stand ready to handle outages that might occur during this time of extreme cold weather, and will be monitoring the situation.

You can find EnergyUnited's online outage map and links to social media pages, which offer energy efficiency and cold weather tips, along with power outage information, at www.energyunited.com.

About EnergyUnited

EnergyUnited, an innovative and dynamic energy services company, serves more than 120,000 electricity customers in 19 North Carolina counties, stretching from Virginia to northern Mecklenburg County and encompassing the fast-growing I-40, I-77, and I-85 corridors. Its service territory includes suburbs surrounding three of North Carolina's largest cities – Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro. EnergyUnited makes customer satisfaction its highest priority, and its electric customers enjoy one of the highest reliability ratings in the industry.

EnergyUnited also provides propane to more than 25,000 customers in 74 North and South Carolina counties and offers other specialized residential and commercial products and services. Visit EnergyUnited online at www.energyunited.com.