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## **Power Outage & Steam Safety Valve Operation at MPU Power Plant**

Approximately 1,000 customers were without power for a brief period this afternoon. At approximately 12:00 PM a major circuit servicing the power plant and several downtown customers operated due to animal contact. The circuit operation caused one of the turbines/generators that were on-line to trip. Built-up steam pressure in the boiler is being vented outside through a safety relief valve. This safety equipment operated as designed to protect personnel and equipment. Residents near the Manitowoc Public Utilities power plant may be hearing a loud noise currently which will diminish as the pressure is released.

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