

NYSEG: Rodent caused outage

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A squirrel that got into a substation caused problems resulting in a power outage in Sidney, village officials said Tuesday afternoon.

In a 6 p.m. update, NYSEG reported on its outage website that only one customer in the village of Sidney was without power.

Many streets and areas in the village had been without electricity, Jaclyn Roth, deputy clerk for the village said Tuesday afternoon.

New York State Electric and Gas Corp. reported Tuesday afternoon that 364 customers in Delaware County were without power, including about 350 in the village of Sidney. Power was estimated to be restored at about 7:30 p.m., the site said.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Sidney Municipal Airport turned on its two generators, one for the building and another for the runway, according to Gary Klindt, operations manager. Four flights took off during the power outage, he said, and business was progressing as usual.

The generator back-up system is necessary because the airport has medical flight services, Klindt said.