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- DTE Energy crews worked to restore power to the remaining 21,000 customers in Oakland County, Michigan, September 8 that lost service after strong storms September 5 knocked out power to approximately 385,000 customers. – *Oakland Press* (See item [1](#))
- A man from Fredericksburg, Virginia, was charged September 5 for allegedly making fraudulent investment offerings to investors around the world, obtaining more than \$35 million in investments purported to be part of the Quantico Corporate Center project. – *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (See item [4](#))
- A boil water advisory for Flint, Michigan, was expanded after water tests returned positive results for total coliform bacteria September 5. – *Flint Journal* (See item [14](#))
- Four children were killed and two adults were seriously injured when an extra-alarm fire started on the second floor in an 18-unit apartment complex in Chicago, Illinois, September 5 that left 50 residents displaced. – *Chicago Sun-Times* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 8, Oakland Press* – (Michigan) **21K still without power in Oakland County, DTE estimates restoration by Monday night.** DTE Energy crews worked to restore power to the remaining 21,000 customers in Oakland County September 8 that lost service after strong storms September 5 knocked out power to approximately 385,000 customers in southeast Michigan.
Source: <http://www.theoaklandpress.com/general-news/20140906/21k-still-without-power-in-oakland-county-dte-estimates-restoration-by-monday-night>
2. *September 7, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Storm outages 99% restored: ComEd.** Commonwealth Edison crews worked to restore service September 7 to the remaining 2,400 customers without power in the Chicago area after severe storms September 5 knocked out power to approximately 173,000 customers.
Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/29747424-418/storm-outages-99-restored-comed.html>
3. *September 6, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas well fire prompts evacuation.** Homes within a 1-mile radius were evacuated for 2 hours September 6 when a fire ignited at a Hilcorp Energy well pad in Shenango Township in Mercer County due to a high-pressure line that ruptured.
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/gas-well-fire-prompts-evacuation/27915778>

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Financial Services Sector

4. *September 6, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (International) **Fredericksburg man accused of mail and wire fraud.** A Fredericksburg, Virginia man was charged in a complaint September 5 with allegedly making fraudulent investment offerings to investors in several countries in order to obtain over \$35 million in investments purported to be part of the Quantico Corporate Center project. The man allegedly used the funds for several other purposes including diverting them to a day-trading account where he lost over \$14 million.

Source: http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/state-regional/fredericksburg-man-accused-of-mail-and-wire-fraud/article_6188a273-9a55-583f-a666-d12aa11b77fc.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *September 7, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Planes flipped over, buildings damaged by storms at Henry Co. airport.** High winds from storms September 7 damaged nearly a dozen planes and several buildings at the Henry County Airport in Georgia.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/planes-flipped-over-buildings-damaged-storms-henry/nhHnP/>

6. *September 7, KAAL 6 Austin* – (Minnesota) **Highway 61 on I-90 is now open after a semi-crash.** Southbound lanes on Highway 61 at Interstate 90 in Winona County reopened to traffic after closing for several hours September 7 due to an accident involving an overturned semi-truck that crashed into the guardrail and a bridge. Westbound lanes of Interstate 91 were expected to be closed for hours due to the incident.

Source: <http://www.kaaltv.com/article/stories/S3554030.shtml>

7. *September 6, KABC 7 Los Angeles; San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Pacific Coast Highway reopened in Malibu after power pole cracks.** All lanes of the Pacific Coast Highway at Latigo Beach in Malibu reopened after closing for several hours September 6 when a power pole cracked and fell on to the roadway.

Source: <http://abc7.com/news/pacific-coast-highway-closed-in-malibu-after-power-pole-cracks-/297448/>

8. *September 5, Seattle Times* – (Alaska) **Alaska Airlines pays \$500k penalty over electrical fire.** The U.S. Attorney's Office announced September 5 that Alaska Airlines agreed to pay \$500,000 in civil penalty claims after an electrical fire ignited in the cockpit of a Boeing 737-400 in 2010 while the plane was parked at a gate in an

Anchorage airport due to an improperly positioned metal clamp. A Federal Aviation Administration investigation also found 9 additional airplanes with incorrectly installed metal clamps attaching an air hose to cockpit overhead panels.

Source:

http://seattletimes.com/html/business/technology/2024473815_alaskaafaaxml.html

9. *September 5, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Highway 71 reopens in Bastrop.** A portion of Texas Highway 7 westbound closed for more than 5 hours at the intersection of Loop 150 E and Tahitian Drive in Bastrop September 5 after a semi-truck carrying an oversized load hit a traffic light pole and knocked out the system.

Source: <http://kxan.com/2014/09/05/highway-71-closed-in-bastrop/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *September 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Mars Chocolate North America issues allergy alert voluntary recall on undeclared peanuts and eggs in TWIX Bites 7oz stand up pouch.** Mars Chocolate North America announced a voluntary recall for less than 25 cases of TWIX Brand Unwrapped Bites 7oz Stand Up Pouch products after undeclared peanuts and egg were detected following a consumer notification. The affected products were distributed to customers' warehouses in Connecticut, Indiana, Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm413087.htm>

11. *September 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Perdue recalls raw chicken for possible temperature processing problem.** Perdue Foods announced a recall of around 720 pounds of raw, fresh chicken products after employees found that potable water was used instead of chill water in a facility's chiller, creating variations in product temperature. The recalled products were shipped to a New York distributor for resale and food service used in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/09/perdue-recalls-raw-chicken-for-possible-temperature-processing-flaw/>

12. *September 6, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **South Harrison horse farm fire destroys family's farm equipment, no animals injured.** Two barns, hay, farm equipment, and several vehicles were destroyed during a fire at Fertile Green Farms in South Harrison Township September 6.

Source: http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2014/09/south_harrison_horse_farm_fire_destroys_familys_farm_equipment_no_animals_harmed.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *September 7, Fort Morgan Times* – (Colorado) **Lots of ammonia found in FM sewer system.** City officials are investigating the source of contamination after high levels of ammonia were discovered at the Fort Morgan Wastewater Treatment Plant in Colorado September 2 during daily water sampling and testing.
Source: http://www.fortmorgantimes.com/fort-morgan-local-news/ci_26487888/lots-ammonia-found-fm-sewer-system
14. *September 8, Flint Journal* – (Michigan) **Flint expands boil water advisory area after more positive tests for total coliform bacteria.** A boil water advisory for Flint was expanded to include the area by Stewart Avenue on the north, Hamilton Avenue on the south, Saginaw Street on the east, and Clio Road on the west after water tests returned positive results for total coliform bacteria September 5.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2014/09/flint_expands_boil_water.html
15. *September 8, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **Some EWEB customers get notice to boil water.** About 117 Eugene Water & Electric Board customers in Oregon were placed under a boil water advisory September 7 after an 8-inch water main broke. Crews worked to repair the break.
Source: <http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/32126453-75/eweb-crews-repairing-water-main-break-on-28th-near-chambers.html.csp>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *September 8, CNN* – (National) **Virus hitting Midwest could be ‘tip of iceberg,’ CDC official says.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Division of Viral Diseases is investigating a recent bout of Enterovirus EV-D68, a respiratory virus that has sent about 475 children to hospitals in at least 10 States.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/07/health/respiratory-virus-midwest/index.html>
17. *September 6, Softpedia* – (California) **AltaMed employee suspected of identity theft, company notifies clients.** AltaMed Medical Group informed an undisclosed number of patients of a personal information breach after learning from law enforcement that a former employee is under investigation following the June 30 discovery of a hard drive from the suspect’s home. The company investigated and found that the former employee had accessed the details of patients at its Orange and Los Angeles locations.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/AltaMed-Employee-Suspected-of-Identity-Theft-Company-Notifies-Clients-457853.shtml>
18. *September 5, Modesto Bee* – (California) **Predawn blaze destroys dental clinic on Modesto campus.** A portable Golden Valley Health Centers dental clinic located on the campus of Hanshaw Middle School in Modesto was deemed a total loss September 5 due to a suspicious fire that caused \$500,000 to \$600,000 in damage. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire and staff and patients will be temporarily reassigned to other clinics in the area.

Source: http://www.modbee.com/2014/09/05/3521737_early-morning-fire-reported-at.html

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *September 8, CNN* – (California) **Hikers evacuated from Yosemite as wildfire spreads rapidly.** Fire crews worked to contain the 700-acre Meadow Fire burning in Yosemite National Park in California September 8 that prompted the emergency evacuation and rescue of around 100 hikers from several trails.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/08/us/yosemite-national-park-fire/index.html>
20. *September 5, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Computer glitch may have exposed student data.** The Minnesota Office of Higher Education announced September 5 that a coding error on the State's Student Educational Loan Fund program may have compromised the private information, including Social Security numbers, of college students seeking loans after it was discovered the weekend of August 30. Officials are investigating and will notify all students affected by the glitch.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/274181251.html?page=all&prepage=1&c=y>
21. *September 5, WGN 9 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Two Simeon High School teachers hospitalized after chemistry explosion.** Students and staff were evacuated for 2 hours September 5 after an explosion following a chemistry experiment at Simeon High School in Chicago that left 2 teachers with chemical burns.
Source: <http://wgntv.com/2014/09/05/two-simeon-high-school-teachers-hospitalized-after-chemistry-explosion/>

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Information Technology Sector

21. *September 8, The Register* – (International) **Dodgy Norton update borks UNDEAD XP systems.** Symantec issued a fix for a recent update to its Norton security software after some users running Windows XP reported issues after applying the update.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/09/08/dodgy_norton_update_hits_win_xp/
22. *September 8, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Hackers target Apple Max OS X with 25 malware variants.** F-Secure released its Threat Report H1 2014 which found that 25 new malware variants targeting Apple OS X systems were observed in the first half of the year. Several variants were observed being used in targeted attacks against

activists, the energy industry, and other industries.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2363893/hackers-target-apple-mac-os-x-with-25-malware-variants>

23. *September 5, SC Magazine* – (International) **Social engineering campaign leads to malicious Chrome extension.** TrendMicro researchers identified a social engineering campaign that uses malicious shortened Twitter links to lead victims to a malicious Chrome browser extension used in a click fraud campaign. The malicious extension circumvents Google's security policy against non-Chrome Web Store apps by creating a folder in the browser directory where it then drops its components.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/social-engineering-campaign-leads-to-malicious-chrome-extension/article/370037/>

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Communications Sector

24. *September 6, Elkhart Truth* – (Indiana) **Frontier Communications restores Internet service following outage.** Internet service was disrupted for over 3,000 Frontier Communications customers in Elkhart for several hours September 6 due to an outage caused by a technical problem related to the company's software.

Source: <http://www.elkharttruth.com/news/2014/09/06/Frontier-Communications-Internet-service-down-for-3-000-in-Elkhart-area.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *September 8, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Fire leaves four children dead, two adults critical.** An extra-alarm fire September 8 in an 18-unit building on the Far South Side of Chicago left 4 children dead and 2 adults in critical condition after the fire started on the second floor. About 50 residents were displaced and the cause of the fire is under investigation after records found the building failed several inspections in the last 9 years.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/29756476-418/fire-leaves-four-children-dead-two-adults-critical.html>

26. *September 8, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Explosion rips apart Lexington hotel.** The Fairfield Inn and Suites in Lexington was condemned September 8 after a man accidentally drove into the side of the hotel and hit a gas line and the boiler room,

prompting the evacuation of the hotel before an explosion September 7.

Source: <http://www.wkyl.com/home/headlines/Fire-crews-on-scene-of-fire-at-the-Lexington-Fairfield-Inn--274279061.html>

27. *September 6, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **5 hurt after tent collapses at church festival in Dearborn Heights.** Five individuals were injured when strong winds caused a large tent to collapse at the St. Linus Catholic Church festival in Dearborn Heights September 5. In a separate incident, two people suffered minor injuries after a tent collapsed at the St. Hubert's Parish Festival in Harrison Township.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/weather/several-hurt-tents-collapse-dearborn-heights-harrison-twp-festivals/27910466>

28. *September 6, WRBL 3 Columbus* – (Georgia) **Columbus apartment complex destroyed by fire.** A pair of fires September 5 caused \$150,000 in damage and destroyed 8 units at the Sagefield Apartments in Columbus, Georgia. Authorities are investigating the cause of the second fire and determined the first fire started from the stovetop.

Source: <http://www.wrbl.com/story/26463192/live-columbus-firefighters-battling-blaze-at-housing-complex>

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