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**Re: Application for Approval of Abandonment of Service by National Fuel Gas
Distribution Corporation for Two (2) Natural Gas Service Customers Located in Pine
Creek Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania
Docket Number: A-2026-3059992**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

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Garrett P. Lent

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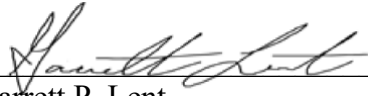
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Docket Number:

A-2026-3059992

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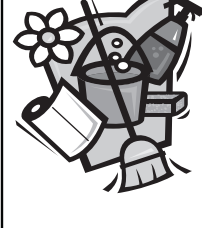
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Tens of thousands face another arctic blast without power as East Coast preps for a new storm

By Sophie Bates, Sudhin Thanawala and Russ Bynum Associated Press

BELZONI, Miss. (AP) — As tens of thousands of people endured nearly a week with no electricity, another storm loomed on the East Coast where residents braced for near-hurricane force winds, heavy snow and potential flooding.

More than 230,000 homes and businesses were without electricity Friday, with the vast majority of those outages in Mississippi and Tennessee, according to the outage tracking website poweroutage.us.

In Mississippi's Lafayette County, where about 12,000 people were still without electricity mid-day Friday, emergency management agency spokesperson Beau Moore said he knows not everyone will get power back before the cold hits.

"It's a race against time to get it on for those we can get it on for," Moore said.

Arctic air moving into the Southeast will cause already frigid temperatures to plummet into the teens on Friday night in cities like Nashville, Tennessee, where many people still lacked power nearly a week after a massive storm dumped snow and ice across the eastern U.S., the National Weather Service said.

Forecasters say the subfreezing weather will persist in the eastern U.S. into February and there's high chance of heavy snow in the Carolinas, Virginia and northeast Georgia this weekend, possibly up to a foot in parts of North Carolina. Snow is also possible along the East Coast from Maryland to Maine.

On Saturday night and early Sunday, forecasters expect intense winds

accompanied by moderate to heavy snow that could lead to blizzard conditions for a time before the storm starts to move out to sea Sunday morning.

Snow should pile up in the Carolinas:

North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein declared a state of emergency Thursday in preparation for forecasts of several inches of snow statewide and possibly 1 foot in some locations, particularly in eastern counties and at the coast.

Hundreds of state National Guard soldiers were ready to help remove stuck vehicles or fallen trees from roads. And state Transportation Department workers, who have been removing remaining ice from roads, have already pretreated thoroughfares, agency Secretary Daniel Johnson said.

In Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, a beach town more accustomed to hurricanes, traffic jams and tourists, the National Weather Service predicted 6 inches of snow.

The city has no snow removal equipment. Myrtle Beach Mayor Mark Kruea said they will "use what we can find" — maybe a motor grader or bulldozer to scrape snow off streets.

"With a hurricane you can storm proof many things," Kruea said Friday. "But at a place like this, there is only a few things you can do to get ready for snow."

In Wake Forest North Carolina, a steady stream of people filled propane tanks Friday at Holding Oil and Gas, where employee Stanley Harris disconnected one tank, set it aside with a clank and then hooked up another.

In Dare County to the east, home to much of North Carolina's Outer Banks, longtime resident Bob Woodard, the county commission's chairman,

said he's worried about what several inches of snow and near hurricane-force wind gusts could do to the area. He was also concerned that more unoccupied houses in communities like Rodanthe and Buxton could collapse into the Atlantic Ocean from the encroaching surf, the result of erosion as rising seas swallow the land.

Hypothermia risks grow:

With the wave of dangerous cold heading for the South, experts say the risk of hypothermia heightens for people in parts of Mississippi and Tennessee who are entering their sixth day trapped at home without power in subfreezing temperatures.

"The body can handle cold temperatures briefly very well, but the prolonged exposure is a problem," said Dr. Hans House, University of Iowa professor of emergency medicine.

People who are more vulnerable — the elderly, infants and those with underlying health conditions — may have started experiencing hypothermia symptoms within hours of exposure to the frigid temperatures, explained Dr. Zheng Ben Ma, medical director of the University of Washington Medical Center's northwest emergency department. That ranges from exhaustion to slurred speech and memory loss.

"Once you get into days six, seven, upwards of 10, then even a healthy, resilient person will be more predisposed to experiencing some of those deleterious effects of the cold temperature," he said.

Frostbite is also a concern in southern states, where people might not own a heavy coat or boots or gloves built for northern winters, said Dr. David Nestler, an emergency

medicine specialist at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Mississippi and Tennessee still seeking full power:

Mississippi officials say it's the state's worst winter storm since 1994. About 80 warming centers were opened across the state, known as one of the nation's poorest. National Guard troops were delivering meals, blankets and other supplies by truck and helicopter.

In Tennessee, Gov. Bill Lee said crews had distributed more than 600 units of warming supplies and more than 2,200 gallons of gas and diesel.

Nashville residents' criticisms have grown louder over the local utility's handling of storm prep and recovery, as more than 70,000 homes and businesses it serves remained powerless with frigid temperatures expected. Nashville Electric Service has defended its approach, saying it was an unprecedented storm. At the peak, about half of its customers in and near the capital city lost power.

Nearly 90 people have died in areas affected by bitter cold from Texas to New Jersey. Roughly half the deaths were reported in Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. While some deaths have been attributed to hypothermia, others are suspected to be related to carbon monoxide exposure.

The arctic cold was expected to plunge as far south as Florida, where Ridi Sharma, a tourist from Houston, made the best of the coming cold weather on a beach in Fort Lauderdale.

"I had all these really pretty dresses that I had like planned two weeks ago. And then I had to buy new pairs of tights that I bought from Amazon on a one-day delivery," she said.

US stocks fall while a break in gold fever sends metals prices plunging

By Stan Choe Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Financial markets churned on Friday as investors tried to figure out what President Donald Trump's new nominee to lead the Federal Reserve will mean for interest rates.

U.S. stocks fell, with the S&P 500 down 0.4% after sinking as much as 1.1% earlier in the day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 179 points, or 0.4%, and the Nasdaq composite lost 0.9%.

The value of the U.S. dollar rallied, but only after swiveling a couple times following Trump's nomination of Kevin Warsh. And some of the wildest action was again in precious metals markets, where gold and silver prices plunged following their stellar runs over the last year.

Whoever leads the Fed has a big influence on the economy and markets worldwide by helping to dictate where the U.S. central bank moves interest rates. Such decisions lift or weigh on prices for all kinds of investments, as the Fed tries to keep the U.S. job market humming without letting inflation get out of control. Trump has been pushing for lower interest rates, which usually help goose the economy but can also cause higher inflation.

A fear in financial markets has been that the Fed will lose some of its independence because of Trump. That fear in turn helped catapult the price of gold and weaken the U.S.

dollar's value over the last year.

The longtime assumption has been that the Fed should operate separately from the rest of Washington so that it can make moves that are painful in the short term but necessary for the long term. To get inflation down to the Fed's goal of 2%, for example, may require the unpopular choice to keep interest rates high and grind down on the economy for a while.

The big question is what Warsh's nomination, which still requires approval from the Senate, means for the Fed's independence.

Warsh used to be a governor on the Fed's board, so investors are familiar with him. That could also mean Warsh is familiar with and hopes to continue the institution of the Fed as an independent operator. And while with the Fed, Warsh criticized the central bank's buying of bonds to keep interest rates low.

Some on Wall Street took Warsh's nomination as an encouraging signal for a still-independent Fed that will keep rates high, if necessary. Besides slowing the economy, higher interest rates would push downward on stock prices.

But Warsh has also recently been critical of the Fed's current chair, Jerome Powell, and has voiced support for lower rates.

"Indeed, Warsh is not the Fed's guy, he is Trump's guy, and has shadowed Trump on monetary policy almost every step of the way since 2009," according

to Thierry Wizman, a strategist at Macquarie Group. "This doesn't necessarily mean that Warsh will push the Fed into rate cuts soon," but it could indicate he may be quicker to do so when the time comes.

On Wall Street, stocks of metals miners tumbled as the price of gold dropped 11.4% to settle at \$4,745.10 per ounce. Gold's price suddenly ran out of momentum following a tremendous rally where it roughly doubled over 12 months. It topped \$5,000 for the first time on Monday and was around \$5,600 at one point on Thursday.

Silver, which had been on a similar, jaw-dropping tear, fell even more. It plunged 31.4%.

Prices for gold and other precious metals had been surging as investors looked for safer places for their money while weighing a wide range of risks, including a potentially less independent Fed, a U.S. stock market that critics say is expensive, threats of tariffs and heavy debt loads for governments worldwide.

The dramatic halt may have been inevitable given how far and how fast metal prices had surged over the last year. Nothing goes up in price forever.

Friday's drops for metals prices helped send the stock of miner Newmont down 11.5%. Freeport-McMoRan, another miner, dropped 7.5%.

Helping to limit the market's losses was Tesla, which rose 3.3%. It

bounced back after dropping on Thursday despite delivering better profit reports for the latest quarter than analysts expected.

Apple added 0.5% after the iPhone maker reported a stronger profit for the latest quarter than analysts expected.

All told, the S&P 500 fell 29.98 points to 6,939.03. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 179.09 to 48,892.47, and the Nasdaq composite sank 223.30 to 23,461.82.

In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury inched up to 4.25% from 4.24% late Thursday. It got near 4.28% in the overnight and early-morning hours before falling back. A rise in a bond's yield indicates that its price is weakening.

Yields may have felt some upward pressure from a report released Friday showing U.S. inflation at the wholesale level was hotter last month than economists expected. That could put pressure on the Fed to keep interest rates steady for a while instead of cutting them, as it did late last year.

In stock markets abroad, indexes rose in much of Europe following a mixed performance in Asia.

Stocks rose 1.2% in Jakarta after the CEO of Indonesia's stock market resigned Friday. Stocks had stumbled there in prior days after MSCI, an influential company in the investment industry that creates stock and other indexes, warned about market risks such as a lack of transparency.

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