



Squirrel causes power outage, shuts down schools in Lockport

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An unlucky squirrel was the cause of a morning power outage Wednesday in the City of Lockport.

About 2,000 NYSEG customers lost power for about an hour, following the “squirrel suicide,” according to Rachel Buchanan, manager of outreach and development for NYSEG.

“A squirrel got into our line and caused equipment failure at Chestnut Ridge Road,” she said.

The outage caused power loss to Lockport High School, Emmet Belknap Intermediate School, and Roy B. Kelley Elementary school. As a result, the three schools closed for the day.