

Blame the usual suspect...a squirrel.

A furry animal tripped a few power lines in south La Crosse this morning, cutting off electricity to 51-hundred Xcel Energy customers. That was around 20 minutes to 10. Xcel spokeswoman Liz Wolf Green says more than half those customers got their power back by 10 o'clock, and the rest were back to normal after another 15 minutes. The outage messed up traffic on some busy streets, when the signal lights shut down.