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For Immediate Release:

PLANNED POWER OUTAGE TO TEMPORARILY HALT WEIU-TV BROADCAST

CHARLESTON – A planned campus-wide power outage will put a temporary halt to operations at Eastern Illinois University's WEIU-TV, Channel 51.

Regular viewers should note that the university-operated station is expected to be off the air most of the day on Sunday, March 11. It is expected that broadcast transmissions will resume sometime during the evening hours.

WEIU-TV serves an 11-county area of East Central Illinois, and is available on cable systems in Mattoon, Charleston, Champaign, Effingham, Paris and Tuscola, among others.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.