

## ***Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update***

**Little Rock, Ark.** – Feb. 2, 2009 – 4 p.m. – As of 3:30 p.m. today, about 64,050 members remain without power, down from approximately 200,000 at the peak of the outages. The estimated number of poles still down is at 21,860.

“We are seeing quite a few substations reenergized,” said Doug White, vice president of systems services for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. “However, there are many remote locations that still face extended outages due to the devastation of the storm. Power is being restored, the process is just not simple in many of the areas currently without power.”

More than 2,750 linemen from electric cooperatives in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas are working to restore power at the seven cooperatives with the largest number of outages. Several contract line crews are also working across the service areas.

The hardest hit systems are in northern Arkansas. The cooperatives with outages include: Carroll Electric Cooperative, Berryville; Clay County Electric Cooperative, Corning; Craighead Electric Cooperative, Jonesboro; Farmers Electric Cooperative, Newport; First Electric Cooperative, Jacksonville; Mississippi County Electric Cooperative, Blytheville; North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, Salem; Ozarks Electric Cooperative, Fayetteville; and Petit Jean Electric Cooperative, Clinton. ***(A chart is attached for outages by cooperative; cooperative service territory map is also attached)***

The public is cautioned to avoid any downed power lines and to report them immediately to local authorities.

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas comprise 17 electric distribution cooperatives; Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative that provides various services to the distribution cooperatives; and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), a generation and transmission cooperative. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 490,000 members, or customers, in Arkansas and surrounding states.

## January 2009 Ice Storm Outage Report

<i>Updated 3:00 p.m. Feb. 2, 2009</i>				
<b>Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Current Member Outages (est.)</b>	<b>Storm Peak Outages (est.)</b>	<b>Storm Total Broken Poles (est.)</b>	<b>Known Current Broken Poles (est.)</b>
Arkansas Valley	0	4,400	100	0
Carroll	11,400	57,500	1,660	1,660
Clay	6,800	12,000	15,000	14,000
Craighead	8,200	17,000	4,000	4,000
Farmers	700	3,500	500	200
First	150	4,800	500	0
Mississippi County	800	3,000	1,000	200
North Arkansas	17,000	30,500	2,000	900
Ozarks	15,000	51,000	1,200	100
Petit Jean	4,000	13,000	1,000	800
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1,300	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64,050</b>	<b>198,800</b>	<b>26,960</b>	<b>21,860</b>