

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 4, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Today, approximately 56,031 members are without power. At the peak of the ice storm outages, this number was more than 202,000.

As restoration work continues, the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas continue to add to the number of crews working on the mass outages. As of 9:00 a.m. today, 3,229 line workers from 11 states are involved in the effort.

“In some instances, we are seeing progress,” said Doug White, vice president of systems services for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. “However, we continue to urge members in more remote areas to hope for the best, but plan for the worst.”

Linemen from electric cooperatives in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina 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 cooperatives with outages include: Carroll Electric Cooperative, Berryville; Clay County Electric Cooperative, Corning; Craighead Electric Cooperative, Jonesboro; Farmers Electric Cooperative, Newport; 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.

To see how your local electric cooperative typically goes about the task of restoring electric

January 2009 Ice Storm Outage Report

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Electric Cooperative	Current Member Outages (est.)	Storm Peak Outages (est.)	Storm Total Broken Poles (est.)	Current Broken Poles (est.)
Arkansas Valley	0	4,400	100	0
Carroll	7,350	57,500	1660	1,660
Clay	7,200	12,000	15,000	14,000
Craighead	7,500	17,000	3,300	4,000
Farmers	150	3,500	500	170
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	486	3,000	1,000	400
North Arkansas	18,945	30,500	2,000	900
Ozarks	10,500	51,000	1,200	800
Petit Jean	3,900	13,000	1,000	700
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
Totals	56,031	202,300	25,985	22,630