

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 5, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. –Today, approximately 45,336 members are without power as linemen and cooperative personnel continue to work to restore service. At the peak of the ice storm outages, this number was more than 204,300 for impacted cooperatives.

The number of linemen working to restore power, currently 3,302, continues to increase as the restoration process continues.

Linemen from electric cooperatives in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas are working to restore power at the 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 services go to: <http://www.aecc.com/content.cfm?id=2210>

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	4,700	57,500	1900	1,050
Clay	6,800	12,000	15,000	14,000
Craighead	7,000	19,000	4,000	3,200
Farmers	150	3,500	500	150
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	486	3,000	1,000	170
North Arkansas	18,000	30,500	2,000	900
Ozarks*	4,500	51,000	1,200	1000
Petit Jean	3,700	13,000	1,000	700
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
Totals	45,336	204,300	26,925	21,170

*Ozarks-8500 outage total for AR & OK