

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 6, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – As the eleventh day of the restoration process begins cooperative line crews continue to work diligently to restore electric service to members across the northern tier of Arkansas.

Approximately 40,480 members remain without power out of the more than 204,300 members that were left without power as the result of the ice storm.

More than 3,520 linemen are working to restore services to cooperative members. The latest estimate of poles broken by the ice storm is more than 27,000.

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	3,100	57,500	1900	1,050
Clay	6,500	12,000	15,000	13,600
Craighead	6,150	19,000	4,000	3,150
Farmers	150	3,500	500	120
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	380	3,000	1,000	300
North Arkansas	16,700	30,500	2,000	700
Ozarks	4,000	51,000	1,600	1,200
Petit Jean	3,500	13,000	1,000	600
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
Totals	40,480	204,300	27,325	20,720