

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas make progress in storm restoration

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 6, 2009 – 4 p.m. – Arkansas' electric cooperatives continue to make progress in restoring power to members. At the peak of the outages approximately 204,300 cooperative members were without electric service. Currently, that number is down to approximately 38,832.

More than 3,500 linemen from electric cooperatives in Arkansas and surrounding states will continue to work from daylight until dark to restore power.

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.

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	2,625	57,500	1900	1,050
Clay	6,400	12,000	15,000	13,400
Craighead	6,150	19,000	4,000	2,900
Farmers	150	3,500	500	120
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	360	3,000	1,000	300
North Arkansas	15,647	30,500	2,000	700
Ozarks*	4,000	51,000	1,600	1200
Petit Jean	3,500	13,000	1,000	500
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
Totals	38,832	204,300	27,325	20,170

*Ozarks-7775 outage total for AR & OK