

News Release



Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 7, 2009 – 1 p.m. – More than 3,564 linemen are working to restore power to approximately 36,035 electric cooperative members that do not have electric service as the result of the recent ice storm.

Motorists are asked to be aware of crews working along roads and highways as they are working in a dangerous area under very hazardous conditions.

Poles and other infrastructure materials continue to be shipped into the damage-stricken areas.

Linemen from electric cooperatives in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, 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>

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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	1,575	57,500	1900	450
Clay	6,300	12,000	15,000	13,400
Craighead	6,000	25,000	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	15,500	30,500	2,000	700
Ozarks*	2,900	51,000	1,600	1200
Petit Jean	3,250	13,000	1,000	500
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
Totals	36,035	210,300	27,325	19,570

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