

## ***Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update***

**Little Rock, Ark.** – Feb. 9, 2009 – 9 a.m. – The electric cooperatives have restored electric service for approximately 184,702 members, while 25,598 remain without power. The cooperatives estimate the total outages at the peak were approximately 210,300.

“Some of the cooperatives are getting very close to total restoration and all are make great progress,” said Doug White, vice president of systems services for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. “We are a little concerned that the projected inclement weather may slow work. However, the men will continue to work as quickly and as safely as possible.”

White said that the number of line workers is at about 3,900. The men are working to restore service and rebuild large stretches of distribution lines.

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)***

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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<b>Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Current Member Outages (est.)</b>	<b>Storm Peak Outages (est.)</b>	<b>Storm Total Broken Poles (est.)</b>	<b>Current Broken Poles (est.)</b>
Arkansas Valley	0	4,400	100	0
Carroll	300	57,500	1900	500
Clay	6,050	12,000	15,000	13,150
Craighead	5,500	25,000	4,000	2,300
Farmers	28	3,500	500	60
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	220	3,000	1,000	225
North Arkansas	9,000	30,500	2,500	700
Ozarks*	1,500	51,000	1,600	1200
Petit Jean	3,000	13,000	2,000	700
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25,598</b>	<b>210,300</b>	<b>28,825</b>	<b>18,835</b>