

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 11, 2009 – 9 a.m. – Cooperative crews continue to attack the remaining power outages at the impacted electric cooperatives. High winds on Tuesday evening caused scattered outages at many cooperatives. The number of outages for electric cooperative members stands at 18,782, down from a peak of more than 210,300.

The number of line workers has climbed to more than 4,100. As crews complete restoration work at a cooperative they often move to the cooperatives that still have outages.

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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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	20	57,500	1900	500
Clay	5,750	12,000	15,000	12,700
Craighead	4,800	25,000	8,000	5,500
Farmers	2	3,500	500	60
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	210	3,000	1,000	225
North Arkansas	6,000	30,500	2,500	700
Ozarks*	500	51,000	1,600	500
Petit Jean	1,500	13,000	2,000	700
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
Totals	18,782	210,300	32,825	20,885