

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 13, 2009 – 4 p.m. – As crews continue to work through the weekend six electric cooperatives report that approximately 13,159 members remain without electric service.

The number of line workers has climbed to more than 4,212. More than 210,300 cooperative members were without power at the peak of the outages.

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas urges cooperative members to use caution both within and outside their homes. Candles, lanterns and temporary heating devices can pose a fire hazard. Home generators should be properly vented to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, and they should be connected to home wiring through appropriate protective devices to prevent power from feeding back onto the utility's wires.

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	0	57,500	2,500	0
Clay	4,675	12,000	15,000	9,500
Craighead	3,900	25,000	8,000	4,750
Farmers	0	3,500	500	0
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	100	3,000	1,000	120
North Arkansas	3,300	30,500	2,500	650
Ozarks*	184	51,000	1,600	100
Petit Jean	1,000	13,000	2,000	500
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
Totals	13,159	210,300	33,425	15,620