

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

**Little Rock, Ark.** – Feb. 20, 2009 – 9 a.m. – Electric cooperative crews are zoning in on the last outages that remain at two cooperatives. The cooperatives' outage estimate stands at 1,600.

"After more than three weeks of exhaustive work the cooperatives are nearing completion of the most massive restoration effort in our history," said Doug White, vice president of systems services for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas.

Revised estimates place peak outages at approximately 213,800 and destroyed power poles at 34,225.

The cooperatives with remaining outages are Clay County Electric Cooperative of Corning 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>

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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	0	57,500	2,500	0
Clay	1,500	12,000	15,000	5,500
Craighead	0	25,000	8,000	0
Farmers	0	3,500	500	0
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	0	3,000	1,000	0
North Arkansas	0	34,000	3,300	0
Ozarks	0	51,000	1,600	0
Petit Jean	100	13,000	2,350	75
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>213,800</b>	<b>34,575</b>	<b>5,575</b>