

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 3, 2009 – 10 a.m. – The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas have restored power to more than 135,101 of the 198,800 members that were without power at the peak of the outages. Approximately 63,699 remain without power as of 9:30 a.m. today.

“The work of the thousands of men is to be commended,” said Doug White, vice president of systems services for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. “The crews continue to rebuild the distribution infrastructure and restore power to members. The distribution lines that must be reconstructed would basically stretch from Little Rock to Los Angeles.”

More than 2,963 linemen from electric cooperatives in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas are working to restore power at the seven cooperatives with the largest number of outages. Several contract line crews are also working across the service areas.

The hardest hit systems are in northern Arkansas. The cooperatives with outages include: Carroll Electric Cooperative, Berryville; Clay County Electric Cooperative, Corning; Craighead Electric Cooperative, Jonesboro; Farmers Electric Cooperative, Newport; First Electric Cooperative, Jacksonville; 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.

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.)	Known Current Broken Poles (est.)
Arkansas Valley	0	4,400	100	0
Carroll	8,800	57,500	1660	1,660
Clay	7,200	12,000	15,000	14,000
Craighead	8,000	17,000	4,000	4,000
Farmers	700	3,500	500	200
First	24	4,800	500	0
Mississippi County	800	3,000	1,000	200
North Arkansas	21,505	30,500	2,000	900
Ozarks	12,770	51,000	1,200	100
Petit Jean	3,900	13,000	1,000	700
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
Totals	63,699	198,800	26,960	21,760