

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

**Little Rock, Ark.** – Feb. 4, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – The number of linemen working to restore power to cooperative members grew to 3,302 as the restoration process continues. Today, approximately 54,281 members are without power. At the peak of the ice storm outages, this number was more than 202,300.

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 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; 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.

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<br/>Cooperative</b>       | <b>Current<br/>Member<br/>Outages (est.)</b> | <b>Storm<br/>Peak<br/>Outages<br/>(est.)</b> | <b>Storm Total<br/>Broken Poles<br/>(est.)</b> | <b>Current<br/>Broken Poles<br/>(est.)</b> |
| Arkansas Valley                       | 0  | 4,400  | 100  | 0  |
| Carroll                               | 5,800  | 57,500                                       | 1660   | 900  |
| Clay                                  | 7,200  | 12,000                                       | 15,000   | 14,000                                     |
| Craighead                             | 7,500  | 17,000                                       | 4,000  | 3,200                                      |
| Farmers                               | 150  | 3,500  | 500  | 150  |
| First                                 | 0  | 8,300  | 225  | 0  |
| Mississippi County                    | 486  | 3,000  | 1,000  | 170  |
| North Arkansas                        | 18,945                                       | 30,500                                       | 2,000  | 900  |
| Ozarks                                | 10,500                                       | 51,000                                       | 1,200  | 1000                                       |
| Petit Jean                            | 3,700  | 13,000                                       | 1,000  | 700  |
| Rich Mountain                         | 0  | 800  | 0  | 0  |
| Woodruff                              | 0  | 1300   | 0  | 0  |
|                                       |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Totals</b>                         | <b>54,281</b>                                | <b>202,300</b>                               | <b>26,685</b>                                  | <b>21,020</b>                              |