

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

**Little Rock, Ark.** – Feb. 5, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Cooperative line crews continue to make steady progress in restoring power to members and rebuilding stretches of electric distribution infrastructure.

Of the 204,300 of cooperative members that were left without power in the wake of the ice storm, approximately 44,600 outages remain.

More than 3,400 linemen are working to restore power to the cooperatives. At the peak of the outages the cooperatives reported more than 26,000 poles were broken.

“This is a mammoth undertaking that challenges our members, line crews and all employees,” said Doug White, vice president of systems services for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. “Employees are working around the clock to support the line crews that are working in the field to rebuild the distribution system. The patience of the members is appreciated during this challenging restoration process.”

Linemen from electric cooperatives in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, 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; 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

<i>Updated 4:00 p.m. Fe. 5, 2009</i>				
<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	4,250	57,500	1900	1,050
Clay	6,700	12,000	15,000	13,850
Craighead	6,900	19,000	4,000	3,150
Farmers	150	3,500	500	120
First	0	8,300	225	0
Mississippi County	400	3,000	1,000	120
North Arkansas	18,000	30,500	2,000	700
Ozarks*	4,500	51,000	1,200	800
Petit Jean	3,700	13,000	1,000	600
Rich Mountain	0	800	0	0
Woodruff	0	1300	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44,600</b>	<b>204,300</b>	<b>26,925</b>	<b>20,390</b>

\*Ozarks-8500 outage total for AR & OK