

Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ice Storm Restoration Update

Little Rock, Ark. – Feb. 20, 2009 – 4 p.m. – As crews continue to work through the weekend, the number of electric cooperative members without electric service stands at approximately 1,300.

Revised estimates place peak outages at approximately 215,700 and destroyed power poles at 34,225.

The cooperatives with remaining outages are Clay County Electric Cooperative of Corning and Petit Jean Electric Cooperative of 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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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*	1,200	12,000	15,000	5,250
Craighead	0	25,000	8,000	0
Farmers	0	5,400	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
Totals	1,300	215,700	34,575	5,325