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EAST TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES RESTORING SERVICE AFTER HURRICANE IKE

After Hurricane Ike cut a wide path across East Texas, electric cooperatives from the outskirts of Houston to as far north as the Oklahoma and Arkansas borders began assessing damage and clearing downed lines from roadways Saturday. Power was being restored as quickly as possible.

In addition to local crews, 228 workers from 30 other electric cooperatives had been dispatched via Texas Electric Cooperatives, the statewide service organization, to help with cleanup and power restoration.

Among the most affected cooperatives were Sam Houston, Jasper-Newton, Deep East Texas, Houston County, Mid-South Synergy, Bluebonnet, Cherokee County, Panola-Harrison, Rusk County, Wood County, Bowie-Cass, Trinity Valley and Upshur Rural. Sam Houston and Jasper-Newton cooperatives lost 100 percent of their service.

Below are Sunday updates from some of the affected co-ops:

***Sam Houston Electric Cooperative** continued to assess damage by air and by ground in spite of thunderstorms. Some 725 additional workers are arriving, and by Wednesday more than 2,000 will be on

hand to speed the recovery process. Visiting crews will be housed in local facilities, as well as in three tent cities, each capable of housing and feeding 500. For more information, go to www.samhouston.net.

***Cherokee County Electric Cooperative** reported as of 10 a.m. that 57 percent of members in the four counties served by the co-op were without service. A full staff of service crews and contractors were working around the clock in the field to restore power. “Crews are making good headway,” said Manager Greg Jones. “At this point, maximum restoration time is estimated at seven days as crews face obstacles from blocked roads, downed trees and poles, and main and secondary lines on the ground. In some areas, lines are being rebuilt from the ground up.”

***Mid-South Synergy** spokesman Jeff Murski said parts of its service territory in the Montgomery and Huntsville areas would take the longest to restore due to damaged and unavailable transmission supply from Entergy Texas. “Please make arrangements to be without power for at least one week in these areas. Please know that Mid South Synergy is attempting to backfeed all areas of its service territory from reliable transmission sources for full power restoration of its entire system.”

Those without power should use the automated outage reporting system by dialing 1-888-525-6677 Option 1. Visit the Mid-South Synergy website for the latest information.

As of 2 p.m. Sept. 14. Texas cooperatives were reporting these outages:

Bowie-Cass EC—10,000 outages

Serves 45,081 meters in Bowie, Cass, Morris, Titus, Red River and Franklin counties

Cherokee County EC—10,429 outages

Serves 18,218 meters in Cherokee, Smith, Rusk and Nacogdoches counties

Deep East Texas EC—23,224 outages

Serves 37,384 meters in San Augustine, Sabine, Panola, Shelby, Newton, Nacogdoches, Jasper and Rusk counties

Houston County EC—8,688 outages

Serves 18,988 meters in Houston, Leon, Trinity, Anderson, Walker, Angelina, Cherokee, Madison and Freestone counties

Jasper-Newton EC—19,500 outages

Serves 19,500 meters in Jasper, Newton, Angelina, Orange and Sabine counties

Panola-Harrison EC—10,000 outages

Serves 18,748 meters in Harrison and Panola counties in Texas; Caddo and Desoto parishes in Louisiana

Rusk County EC—16,000 outages

Serves 19,776 meters in Rusk, Gregg, Panola, Shelby and Nacogdoches counties

Sam Houston EC—66,000 outages

Serves 66,000 meters in Angelina, Hardin, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, Trinity, San Jacinto, Tyler, Walker and Jasper counties

Trinity Valley EC—5,750 outages

Serves 60,398 meters in Anderson, Dallas, Henderson, Hunt, Kaufman and Van Zandt counties

Upshur Rural EC—6,211 outages

Serves Upshur, Camp, Marion, Harrison, Gregg, Smith, Cass, Rusk, Morris and Wood counties

See Hurricane Ike updates in the press release section of Texas Electric Cooperatives' website, www.texas-ec.org.