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UPDATE FROM BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

(BASTROP) – As of 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative reported 65 outages affecting about 1700 members, concentrated in Washington and Burleson counties. The outages are caused by high winds and fallen trees downing power lines.

“We saw a significant increase in the number of outages beginning about 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning,” said Will Holford, Bluebonnet spokesman. “The majority of these outages are caused by sustained high winds in Washington and Burleson counties taking a toll on trees, which are falling into and taking down power lines.”

Bluebonnet has 25 crews working to restore power in the eastern portion of its service territory. Bluebonnet redeployed six crews from its Red Rock district southwest of Bastrop to work outages in Washington and Burleson counties.

“Fortunately, as of Saturday morning we have seen very little damage to our electric system in terms of fallen poles and damaged transformers,” Holford said. “Almost all of the damage is downed power lines caused by falling trees. Once the tree is removed, our crews are able to quickly replace the line and restore power.”