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### **N E W S R E L E A S E**

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### **UPDATE FROM HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

As of this morning, HCEC still has about 4500 meters without power.

We do have a few safety issues that should be addressed.

Please stay away from the crews while they are working. It is distracting, and then creates a hazardous situation for you and them. We know you have questions and you're curious, but that's not the time to ask. Please call the office if you have questions.

We've made it through the storm, and we don't want anyone injured during clean up and restoration.

Please stay away from downed lines. Especially now as we are getting more up and running, there is a real possibility that these are energized lines.

Refrain from driving under low lines as well. These could also be energized.

Again, we want to thank everyone for bearing with us and being patient. This is a process and our guys are working as quickly as possible. They are dealing with a lot of debris as they go. And the terrain in East Texas, while it is beautiful, contributes to the length of these outages.

And, just to reiterate, those lines receiving power from our Groveton, Midway, Trinity, and Ferguson substations will be down for up to three weeks as Entergy repairs its transmission lines. Our guys are working to clear the areas. These areas are going to be in the southern portion of our service area.