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SAM HOUSTON EC REPORTS PROGRESS IN ANGELINA COUNTY

With the assistance of more than 2,500 crew members from across the United States, Sam Houston Electric Cooperative members began to see power restored on Tuesday to some areas. Fifty-seven percent of Angelina County's meters were energized.

Lines have been repaired in several areas, some are energized and receiving power, and others are repaired and ready to receive electricity once generation facilities are up and transmission lines are rebuilt. Areas in Polk County (4.1 percent of meters) and Hardin County (4 percent of meters) began receiving power Tuesday.

"Sam Houston EC has committed this extraordinary number of resources in order to restore your power as quickly as possible," said Keith Stapleton, chief communications officer.

By Thursday, 500 additional personnel are expected to arrive to bring the total repair force to 3,000. Tent cities have been established in Coldspring, Tarkington and Woodville. Each houses and feeds 500. In Livingston, 700 workers are staying at Lake Tomahawk and Camp Cho-Yeh.