

**Date: February 17, 2021**

**Update: 10:00 A.M.**

### **Central Electric Reports Outages throughout Its Service Area**

Due to the winter storm, Central Electric Power Association experienced sustained power outages throughout its seven county service area. CEPA promptly mobilized their field operations staff to restore power as safely as possible.

Significant icing has occurred east of Forest, MS to Philadelphia, MS. Icy conditions continue to make it difficult for travel and power restoration. Crews are working as quickly and safely as possible to restore power; however, we encourage members to prepare for prolonged outages.

As of 10:00 a.m., Central Electric Power Association has 2,422 members without electric service as crews continue to work to restore power to our members.

The following is a breakdown of the outages by county:

- Kemper County – 69
- Neshoba County – 1,614
- Newton County – 731
- Scott County – 6
- Rankin County - 2

To report an outage, please visit [www.centralepa.com](http://www.centralepa.com) and click on Report an Outage or call (601) 267-3043. Please leave the following information on our outage system:

- 1) Name and address of electric account
- 2) Phone number to reach you if needed
- 3) Be sure to tell us if your neighbors have power and you do not

Providing this information is vital in assuring your power is restored as quickly and safely as possible. In the event the phone lines are busy, please continue to call in your outage.

Please treat any downed power lines as if they are energized and do not attempt to clear limbs or vegetation from sagging lines. Stay safe!

Central Electric Power Association serves over 36,000 accounts in a seven-county area in central Mississippi, including Attala, Kemper, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Rankin and Scott counties.