

Date: February 19, 2021

Update: 11:00 A.M.

Central Electric Restoration Efforts Continue

Linemen continue making progress in restoration efforts from Winter Storm Uri. 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.

As of 11:00 a.m., Central Electric Power Association has 14,098 members without electric service as crews continue to work to restore power to our members. Damage is extensive with numerous broken poles, wires, and trees down. Crews are working to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. We encourage members to prepare for prolonged outages.

Additional crews are arriving today from Mississippi and Arkansas to provide restoration assistance to our system.

The following is a breakdown of the outages by county:

- * Kemper County – 152
- * Leake County – 1,309
- * Attala County – 1,469
- * Neshoba County – 7,928
- * Newton County – 2,176
- * Rankin County - 8
- * Scott County – 1,056

To report an outage, please visit 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

As a safety reminder, please stay away from downed power lines. We ask for your patience during this time as these are difficult working conditions to be in.

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.