



POWERING THE LIVES OF CO-OP MEMBERS FOR OVER 75 YEARS

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Progress continues to be made on power restoration for Corn Belt Energy members

BLOOMINGTON, IL — Wednesday, December 30, 2015— Post storm restoration efforts continue in the Corn Belt Energy service territory after a winter storm earlier this week producing high winds, ice, sleet and flooding left thousands of Corn Belt Energy members without power.

Progress continues to be made as Corn Belt Energy was able to bring the Tiskilwa substation back on this morning restoring power to a group of over 300 members. Approximately 800 members remain without power, the majority of which have been out since early Monday morning.

We are unable to provide estimated restoration times due to the fact that so many of the remaining outages require access to private right-of-ways and or are located in flooded areas. Corn Belt Energy crews in conjunction with eight other electric cooperatives (Adams Electric Cooperative, Clay Electric Co-operative, Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, EnerStar Electric Cooperative, Jo-Carroll Energy, and Menard Electric Cooperative) continue to make restoration of power a top priority. Crews are alternating shifts to provide safe work conditions and adequate rest for all employees.

Corn Belt Energy encourages members to check on neighbors who may be without power, especially the elderly and those with physical limitations. We urge members who are concerned about prolonged outages to find an alternative location to stay such as a relative or friend's home or a local warming center.

We encourage members to contact us at 1-800-879-0339 to report power outages and downed lines or poles.

As a reminder, people should not go near any downed power lines, downed poles, or trees near lines. To check for outage updates, members can call 1-800-879-0339 or use their cell phone to view outage updates at www.cornbeltenergy.com or on Facebook or Twitter.

About Corn Belt Energy

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity to over 35,000 households and businesses throughout 18 counties. One of the largest cooperatives in Illinois, Corn Belt Energy employs 85 people, maintains over 5,000 miles of line, and distributes electricity from the Wabash Valley Power Association, a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indiana. As a not-for-profit energy cooperative, Corn Belt Energy is owned by the members it serves and is committed to providing reliable, affordable energy. Governed by 13 directors who are themselves residential members, Corn Belt also supports energy efficiency, education, and safety initiatives. Learn more at www.cornbeltenergy.com.

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Corn Belt Energy crew works to set new poles west of Secor, Illinois on Wednesday morning.*