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## *Winter storm outages have been restored*

**BLOOMINGTON, IL — Thursday, February 14, 2019** — Crews have restored power to all members in the Corn Belt Energy service territory after a winter storm earlier this week producing high winds and heavy ice leaving thousands of Corn Belt Energy members without power.

“The aftermath of the storm caused extensive damage within Corn Belt Energy’s northern service territory including many broken poles, broken cross arms, a large number of downed power lines, and loss of transmission feed impacting several substations.”, said Steve Hancock, Vice President of Electric Distribution.

Corn Belt Energy thanks our members for their patience, and the media for helping us keep our members and the public updated on our progress.

“We are grateful to have the assistance of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, EnerStar Electric Cooperative, Menard Electric Cooperative, Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative, and Shelby Electric Cooperative.”, remarked Don Taylor, President and CEO of Corn Belt Energy.

We encourage members to contact us at 1-800-879-0339 to report power outages, partial power, and downed lines or poles. We want to remind everyone to be safe around electricity. Do not go near any downed power lines, downed poles, or trees near lines.

### **About Corn Belt Energy**





Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity to over 36,000 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](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com).

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