

Date: April 23, 2019

Central Electric's Power Restoration Complete

Tornadoes, strong thunderstorms and damaging winds hit central Mississippi on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Central Electric Power Association experienced sustained power outages in Attala, Leake, Neshoba, Scott, Rankin, Newton, and Kemper counties and promptly mobilized their field operations staff. CEPA worked through the night to restore power.

On Thursday, April 18, 2019 around 6:30 p.m., 27,745 of the 36,344 Central Electric members were without power. At the onset of the storms, source power was lost to South Philadelphia, Crossroads, Pearl River, Leake, Singleton, Kosciusko, Twin City, and Ludlow substations. TVA transmission lines to the above mentioned substations were energized on Friday morning, April 19.

Assistance arrived on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 to aid in power restoration to approximately 76% of Central Electric's power system. Central Electric would like to thank: Alcorn County EPA, North East EPA, Natchez Trace EPA, Tallahatchie Valley EPA, Coahoma EPA, Tishomingo County EPA, Yazoo Valley EPA, and Northcentral EPA for their assistance in rebuilding our power system.

The following is a breakdown of outages by day end:

Friday, April 19 – 9,000

Saturday, April 20 – 3,800

Easter Sunday, April 21 – 1,900

Monday, April 22 – 1,100

As of 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2019, all power has been restored to all members that can receive power.

Manager Long praises CEPA employees along with the employees from eight cooperatives in Mississippi. To restore power to 27,745 members in 5 days with the damage Central Electric sustained is a great accomplishment.

Central Electric Power Association wants to thank the membership for their patience and support during this time.

If you are still without power or are ready to have your service connected, please contact your local Central Electric Power Association office.

Carthage – 601-267-5671

Philadelphia – 601-656-2601

Sebastopol – 601-625-7422

Rankin – 601-829-1201

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.