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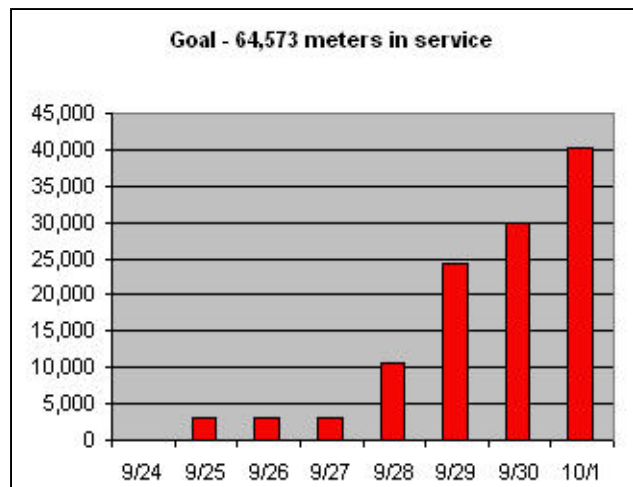
Power restored to more than 40,000

LIVINGSTON – As of 11 pm Saturday, Sam Houston Electric Cooperative has restored power to more than 40,000 meters. Most services west of U.S. Hwy 59 have been restored. To the east in the counties of Tyler, Polk, Hardin and Liberty, crews are working at a rapid pace to clear trees and debris and to rebuild downed power lines.

All 10 Sam Houston EC counties have now been declared disaster areas.

After the tremendous storm, all of the Cooperative's 64,000 meters were without power. With an army of more than 1,200 workers, the lights have been coming on steadily across our 10-county service area.

Tree removal crews are progressing rapidly through the area and linemen are quickly rebuilding lines. Entergy is doing the same on its transmission lines. (Entergy's transmission lines feed electricity into Sam Houston EC's distribution system.)



If your power remains off when electricity returns to your area, your location may have a blown fuse or damaged service line. Rest assured, you've not been forgotten. Simply call 800-458-0381 to report the situation and a crew will be assigned to your case as soon as possible.

Angelina County 1188 of 1347 have been restored

Angelina County has been declared a major disaster area. Service to Angelina County Members has been restored to most members. Crews are working to restore power to remaining locations.

Hardin County 0 of 4151 have been restored

Hardin County was devastated by Rita and has been declared a disaster area. Lines will be rebuilt as the tree removal process progresses. Sam Houston EC serves in the areas of Sour Lake, Spurger, Honey Island, Hardin and Kountze. As workers finish in other parts of the Sam Houston EC territory, they are joining others already in Hardin County to speed the process of recovery.

Liberty 3106 of 9712 have been restored

Liberty County was devastated by Rita and has been declared a disaster area. Lines will be rebuilt as the tree removal process progresses. Sam Houston EC serves in the areas of Long John, Batson, Rye, and Tarkington. As of 7 pm Friday, Sam Houston EC substations in the Liberty County area were energized. Not all feeders coming out of the substations will come on at the same time. Sam Houston EC will continue adding load throughout the weekend.

Feeders from the Tarkington, Rye and Hightower substations are being energized. Keep in mind that there may be some areas in which repairs still are needed as well as some individual cases. Service crews have been dedicated to that task.

Montgomery 7860 of 8473 have been restored

Although initially thought to have escaped the worst of Rita, Montgomery County has been declared a major disaster area. Due to high winds and trees that damage facilities, repairs to Entergy's transmission line to that area were required. The two main substations in the county, Caney Creek and Peach Creek, have been energized. Crews are now repairing remaining locations. If your neighbors' lights have come on and yours have not, you may have a blown fuse or damaged line at your specific location. Be assured that you are not forgotten. Just call 800-458-0381 and report the situation and a service crew will make the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

Polk 14,208 of 19,481 have been restored

Polk County was also hit extremely hard by Rita, especially on the eastern side. Saturday, it was declared a major disaster area. Restoration efforts have progressed well, as many areas surrounding Livingston are now back on line. Also coming back on are Goodrich, Blanchard, Onalaska and Bold Springs. Keep in mind that there may be some small areas in which repairs still are needed as well as individual cases. Service crews have been dedicated to that task.

An insulator with a hairline fracture was replaced Saturday at the substation near the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation. Some areas, including Indian Springs, suffered severe damage and crews are still clearing trees and rebuilding lines. Some areas have been cleared and are energized. Crews are working on remaining areas such as Indian Springs, which had major damage.

San Jacinto 8291 of 9633 have been restored

San Jacinto County meters were among the first to be restored to service. At this time, service to San Jacinto County members has been restored. If you are still without power, please call 800-458-0381. There may be a blown fuse or a problem with your service drop. Crews are now repairing remaining locations.

Feeders from the Staley substation near Waterwood are being energized. Keep in mind that there may be some small areas in which repairs still are needed as well as some individual cases. Service crews have been dedicated to that task.

Trinity 1675 of 1806 have been restored

The Carlisle substation has been energized, and Sam Houston EC members are receiving power. Please report any outages to 800-458-0381. Crews have been assigned to repair remaining locations.

Tyler 0 of 5446 have been restored

Tyler County was devastated by Rita and has been declared a disaster area. Lines will be rebuilt as the tree removal process progresses. Sam Houston EC serves in the areas of Hillister, Woodville, Chester, Ivanhoe, Fork Creek and Beech Creek. These areas have thousands of downed trees that are being removed. As workers finish in other parts of the Sam Houston EC territory, they are joining others already in Tyler County to speed the process of recovery.

Walker 3783 of 4042 have been restored

Walker County was one of the first areas to be restored. Power has been restored to most Sam Houston EC Walker County members. Crews are now repairing service to the remaining locations. Please report any further outages to 800-458-0381.

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