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Sam Houston Restores power to 30,000 Members

LIVINGSTON – Service has been restored to 30,000 members as of 8 a.m. Friday with 17 substations/metering points being energized. At the height of the storm, 64,000 meters were without service.

Nearly 90 percent of members in Angelina and Walker counties have their service restored. In Polk County, more than 70 percent of the membership has power, more than half in San Jacinto County and 40 percent in Montgomery County.

The eastern portion of the Cooperative territory has suffered significant damage. A base camp has been set up in the Woodville area housing 500 contract workers to help speed the recovery process in this area. There are few meters online in Hardin, Tyler, Liberty and Jasper counties

County	Total	On	Off
Angelina	1347	1186	161
Hardin	4151	0	4151
Jasper	32	0	32
Liberty	9712	12	9700
Montgomery	8473	3443	5030
Polk	19481	14109	5372
San Jacinto	9633	5382	4251
Trinity	1806	1264	542
Tyler	5446	0	5446
Walker	4042	3676	366

Cooperative employees and the more than 1,200 line and tree-trimming contractors from 12 states are working to restore service to as many members as possible. More than 5,000 poles were broken in the storm. Additionally, 1,500 miles of distribution line is on the ground. The Cooperative has 6,000 miles of distribution lines.

However, all of Sam Houston EC's 39 substations and metering points are functional. Entergy Texas transmission lines normally supply the bulk of power used in the Cooperative's service area. More than 280 Entergy transmission lines were damaged as a result of Hurricane Rita. When Entergy transmission service is restored, Sam Houston EC distribution lines will be able to deliver power to many parts of the system, including the counties of Montgomery, San Jacinto and Walker where repairs to Sam Houston EC lines are nearing completion.

Because of the excessive heat this week, members who live near the Huntsville area have experienced rolling blackouts under Entergy's load management scheduling. Please visit www.entergy.com for more details regarding this procedure.

Sam Houston EC asks members who have power to conserve electricity whenever possible as we work to bring more meters online.

We appreciate your patience in this difficult situation. Rest assured, we won't stop working until every light is turned back on.