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### Outages down to 6,000 meters

LIVINGSTON – Sam Houston Electric Cooperative continues to make headway in Hardin and Tyler counties. All substations and metering points in the area have been energized as of 5 pm Friday. Sam Houston EC has begun the process of restoring power to this hard hit part of the service territory.

Hardin County has 60 percent of its meters back on while Tyler County has 30 percent. Cooperative crews are in the process of restoring subdivisions and neighborhoods near Honey Island, Batson, Sour Lake, Spurger, Fred, Fork Creek and Woodville. Transmission issues near Hillister and Fork Creek have been resolved.

There are 47 outages left in Liberty County near Rye. Crews have been assigned to resolve these cases as quickly as possible.

Contractor crews continue to work through some of the densest woods in Texas as rapidly as possible. The tree trimmers' work allows construction crews to rebuild parts of Sam Houston EC's distribution system. More than 5,000 poles and 1,500 miles of distribution line are being replaced in what is considered the largest reconstruction job in the Cooperative's 66-year history.

Overall, Sam Houston EC has restored power to 59,040 of its 64,573 meters, which is 91 percent of the system. There are 5,533 meters without power. At the height of the storm, all meters were without power.

Sam Houston EC is continuing to resolve isolated outage incidents stemming from Hurricane Rita. These incidents range from damaged weatherheads, meter loops, fuses, transformers and downed service drops. Rest assured you are not forgotten. Cooperative Line Technicians have your work orders and are working as fast and as safely as possible to correct these issues. Members whose meter loops were damaged by Hurricane Rita should contact a licensed electrician to make repairs and then contact Sam Houston EC when repairs have been completed.

In Texas, an estimated 1.5 million customers in 47 counties were without power after Rita. These 47 counties have a total population of 7 million people and are served by 14 investor-owned utilities and electric cooperatives. There are now less than 100,000 customers in the Lone Star State without power.

All 10 of Sam Houston EC counties have been declared major disaster areas. To find out what aid is available to you, please visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or call (800) 621-FEMA (3362).