



RELEASED

October 9, 2005 10 am (Updated 8 pm)

As of Sunday evening, Sam Houston EC has restored power to 97.5% of our members. In Hardin County, 346 cases remain and in Tyler County, there are 1,265 cases. Crews continue reconstructing lines in those areas.

Cooperative restores service to more than 60,000

LIVINGSTON – As of 8 am, Sam Houston Electric Cooperative has restored power to 61,646 members. Power has been restored to 3,431 Hardin County residents and 3,239 Tyler County residents at this time.

Of the remaining 2,927 outages, 2,207 are in Tyler County, 689 are in Hardin County with the remaining 32 in Jasper County. Sam Houston EC completed major construction work in Liberty County Saturday.

In order to run service orders most efficiently, Sam Houston EC is utilizing standard two-man crew configurations in Polk, San Jacinto, Liberty, Montgomery, Walker, Trinity and Angelina counties. These crews are performing temporary service disconnections so members can replace damaged meter loops. Additionally, these service crews are replacing fuses and transformers as needed to clear up isolated outage incidents.

Construction and tree trimming crews based in Woodville are continuing to rebuild the system in Hardin and Tyler counties. They are also working service orders in their designated area as they come up.

Due to their hard work, significant progress has been made near Hardin, Honey Island, Spurger, Sour Lake, Woodville, Batson and Fork Creek. Many of these areas have a restoration rate of 70 percent or higher..

Sunday, construction crews dedicated to replacing transformers have moved into the Ivanhoe subdivision, one of the hardest hit areas in the Cooperative's service territory. Most of the major tree trimming has been completed. Installing new transformers will allow more members to receive services from the Hillister substation.

Truly, everyone at Sam Houston Electric Cooperative remains dedicated to the task of restoring power to each and every member.