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Cooperative working on last few outages in Tyler County

LIVINGSTON – Sam Houston Electric Cooperative has restored power to 64,460 members, which is 99.8 percent of its distribution system. All members who are able to safely take power have been reconnected to the grid. Line Technicians continue to work temporary service disconnect tickets so members throughout the 10-county service area can safely repair damaged meter loops.

Cooperative employees continue to seek out remaining isolated outage incidents. Member Services Representatives are calling members to determine they have power or if a service order is needed to restore electricity.

As of 7 a.m., just 113 members were without power. These members are on Feeder 171 (Fork Creek) in Tyler County. Crews are working to restore power to these members as soon as possible.

This will wrap up the major portion of Sam Houston Electric Cooperative's restoration efforts. Throughout the next several months, crews will continue to clean up broken poles and transformers, remove trees and limbs that pose outage threats and make any necessary repairs to lines. Thursday, breakfast will be the last meal served at the massive tent city just west of Woodville. At the height of the restoration process, more than 600 men and women called this place home. With full catering, shower and laundry facilities, a fuelling center, a materials yard and air-conditioned tents, Sam Houston EC's massive staging area was on par with many temporary military campgrounds.

More than 1,300 people from 15 states participated in the restoration process, which began in full earnest shortly after Hurricane Rita's landfall Sept. 24. The shortest outages were experienced near Security in Montgomery County, where members received power soon after generation from Lewis Creek came back on line the afternoon following the storm.

Tree removal crews began to work in full earnest that Saturday while Cooperative personnel began assessing damage to the distribution system. A major milestone in this effort came early September 26 when the Israel Road, S.W. Dorrell, Onalaska, Carlisle,

Blanchard and Bold Springs substations were energized at 1 a.m. From there, Sam Houston EC consistently added meters to the system each day.