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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Rob Olson at 9:15 A.M. on January 17, 2008 in Room 783 Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Dan Johnson- excused Tom Hawk-excused Vaughn Flora-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office Renae Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Steve Owens, Director of Distributions of Operations, Westar Dave Holthaus, Kansas Electric Cooperatives General Todd Bunting, Adjutant General's Office

Others attending:

Twenty five including the attached list.

Steve Owens, Westar, (<u>Attachment 1</u>), updated the committee on the process and progress of restoring power to their customers in Kansas that suffered power outages during the December 2007 ice storm. In addition Mr. Owens provided the committee with photos (<u>Attachment 2</u>) from the storm and some of the recovery efforts. He noted that the weight of a 200 foot span of wire with no ice is 15 pounds compared to 2 inches of ice weighing 1,100 pounds. That weight difference makes the lines very susceptible to wind damage, and to tree branches that might even touch the line.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Rocky Fund, Tom Sloan, Tom Hawk, Vern Swanson, Oletha Faust- Goudeau, Tom Moxley, and Richard Proehl.

Dave Holthaus, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, (<u>Attachment 3</u>), offered an update to the committee on the December 2007 storm outage. He offered information on the individual co-ops and their specific outages, as well as the ten different states that sent linemen to help restore power. Additionally, (<u>Attachment 4</u>), he included a brochure that showed the Christmas dinner served to linemen at the Kickapoo Reservation.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Carl Holmes, and Tom Hawk.

General Todd Bunting, Adjutant General's Office, (Attachments 5 and 6), offered information to the committee on the ice storm and shared with the committee the ways in which the electric utility companies and the National Guard worked together as a team to help restore power as quickly as possible. He noted that the Guard provided a member in Westar's office and that Westar had an employee in the Adjutant General's office to provide good communication to the restoration efforts.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, and Tom Hawk.

Written testimony was offered by Kansas Municipal Utilities (<u>Attachment 7</u>), giving a short synopsis of the issues they encountered during the 2007 ice storm.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23,2008.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m..

HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: <u>January 17, 2008</u>

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Testimony of Steve Owens Executive Director Distribution Operations Westar Energy January 17, 2008

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Steve Owens, and I am the executive director of distribution operations for Westar Energy. I appreciate the opportunity to visit with you this morning about our recovery from the largest single storm in Westar's history.

Between December 9 and December 20, 2007, a massive ice storm interrupted service to 204,010 customers (31% of the Westar's 666,110 customers) across most of its territory. With the assistance of more than 1,900 non-company linemen, 1,200 tree trimmers, and dedicated efforts of 1,000 company employees working 17 hour days, Westar Energy was able to restore power to all customers in 10 days.

As had been predicted by Westar Energy's contract weather forecast service and most area meteorologists, beginning early morning Sunday, December 9, 2007 freezing rain swept through extreme southeast Kansas. The storm caused numerous scattered outages in the area in and around Pittsburg and Parsons. Outages were due to ice and trees. By noon Sunday, more than 8,000 customers were out of power in the area and crews were dispatched from the Wichita area as well as northeast Kansas. During the event 12,553 (78%) of Pittsburg's 16,076 customers were without power. In Parsons 9,305 customers, or 18%, lost power sometime during the storm.

With additional ice accumulations predicted as a near certainty throughout most of the Westar service territory beginning midday Monday, Westar Energy management decided to open the storm center Sunday and begin securing contract line and vegetation (primarily tree trimming) crews and support to prepare for the impending storm system. Initial efforts to secure help from nearby utilities in the Midwest Mutual Aid group proved fruitless because member utilities either had already committed resources to the first wave of storm damage in Missouri and Oklahoma or needed to hold their resources in anticipation of the coming widespread storm. Westar Energy personnel responsible for emergency resource procurement began to contact more distant utilities and contractors to secure help in anticipation of predicted widespread damage.

As predicted, the second wave of freezing rain entered the southwest part of the service territory in the early morning hours of Monday, December 10, 2007 and spread across the service territory throughout the day, ultimately creating ice accumulations of 1 to 3 inches over the next two days along a 250 mile arc from

Hutchinson to the northeast corner of the state. Over the course of the storm, 204,010 (or 31%) of Westar Energy's 666,110 customers lost power.

Key cities significantly involved included:

	Customers	Unique customers	
Serving office	served in area	out in area	Percent out
Abilene KS	8,642	8,482	98.1%
Arkansas City KS	10,398	3,141	30.2%
Atchison KS	10,501	8,440	80.4%
Cherryvale KS	1,484	16	1.1%
El Dorado KS	13,747	1,885	13.7%
Emporia KS	24,968	5,179	20.7%
Ft. Scott KS	6,382	3	0.0%
Hiawatha KS	4,173	4,128	98.9%
Humboldt, KS	5,023	2	0.0%
Hutchinson KS	27,602	20,660	74.8%
Independence KS	11,930	242	2.0%
Junction City KS	11,222	10,014	89.2%
Lawrence KS	47,283	12,001	25.4%
Leavenworth KS	21,114	7,663	36.3%
Manhattan KS	30,936	26,696	86.3%
Marysville KS	7,626	6,120	80.3%
Newton KS	19,388	3,699	19.1%
Olathe KS	37,349	7,996	21.4%
Parsons KS	9,305	1,709	18.4%
Pittsburg KS	16,076	12,553	78.1%
Salina KS	28,612	19,946	69.7%
Topeka KS	87,867	30,641	34.9%
Wichita KS	224,482	12,794	5.7%

Wichita, which experienced slightly higher temperatures during the initial freezing rain event, was effectively spared significant damage.

Total outage numbers peaked on Tuesday (12/11) noon at nearly 125,000 customers across the system. Daily outage maximum figures throughout the event were as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 09:	7,000
Monday, Dec. 10:	83,000
Tuesday, Dec. 11:	125,000
Wednesday, Dec. 12:	103,000
Thursday, Dec. 13:	76,000
Friday, Dec. 14:	55,000
Saturday, Dec. 15:	37,000

Sunday, Dec. 16: 21,000 Monday, Dec. 17: 14,000 Tuesday, Dec. 18: 7,000 Wednesday, Dec. 19: 2,000 Thursday, Dec. 20: 500

Friday, Dec. 21: <100 All customers who could accept service restored

The widespread nature of the storm created a unique challenge for our restoration effort. The breadth of the affected area required five distinct storm restoration operations based in Hutchinson, Salina/Abilene, Manhattan/Junction City/Marysville, Topeka/Lawrence, and Atchison/Leavenworth/Hiawatha as well as smaller operations in Emporia, Shawnee, Newton and Arkansas City. This much significant damage over such a broad area is unprecedented at Westar Energy.

Ice creates an amazing stress on both tree limbs and aerial electrical equipment. For perspective, a small 8A copperweld conductor normally weighs 0.075 pounds per foot. Even with a light ice coating of ½ inch, the total weight per foot becomes 0.51 pounds or seven times the nominal weight. Two inches of ice creates a loading of 75 times nominal. Under a 2 inch loading of ice, a 200 foot span of this light copper conductor increases from 15 pounds to more than 1,100 pounds. This is more than enough to break conductor, cross arms and poles, particularly with the additional pressure of tree limbs or wind.

Restoration conditions were difficult and worsened by unrelenting cold weather and two following snow events. Damage was massive with 2,090 poles down, 7,872 spans of conductor down, 17,965 services down, which connect individual homes or businesses to the pole, and 5,400 lines and transformers needing refused. Much of the 34.5kV subtransmission system across northeast Kansas from Marysville to northeast of Atchison was out of service. In many rural locations, miles of line were down, often serving relatively low customer densities. In more populated areas, the storm damaged numerous individual services. Both of these situations require significant effort to restore small numbers of customers.

In such an event, clear communications with customers is vital. Their safety is at risk, and it's important they understand the magnitude of the storm so they can make decisions regarding accommodations. Local media outlets were extremely helpful in getting information out, but two of the largest media centers in our territory – Kansas City metro and Wichita – were largely spared in the storm. Generating media interest in these areas was vital as they were still primary sources of information for many of our customers, especially in northeast Kansas and the greater Hutchinson area.

Our community support was strong. In many areas, such as Manhattan, we went to local businesses and asked what support they could provide for things such as meals. Often we accepted and they stretched beyond their comfort level to do more.

Thanks to early efforts to acquire line and vegetation labor, linemen from other utilities and contractors began arriving Monday, Dec. 10. By the end of the storm, nearly 2,000 line contract and outside utility employees, more than 1,250 tree trimmers, 326 company line personnel and 722 other company employees were dedicated to the storm restoration effort. Outside line help from 21 states as far away as North Carolina, New Mexico, and South Dakota arrived to assist with restoration as follows:

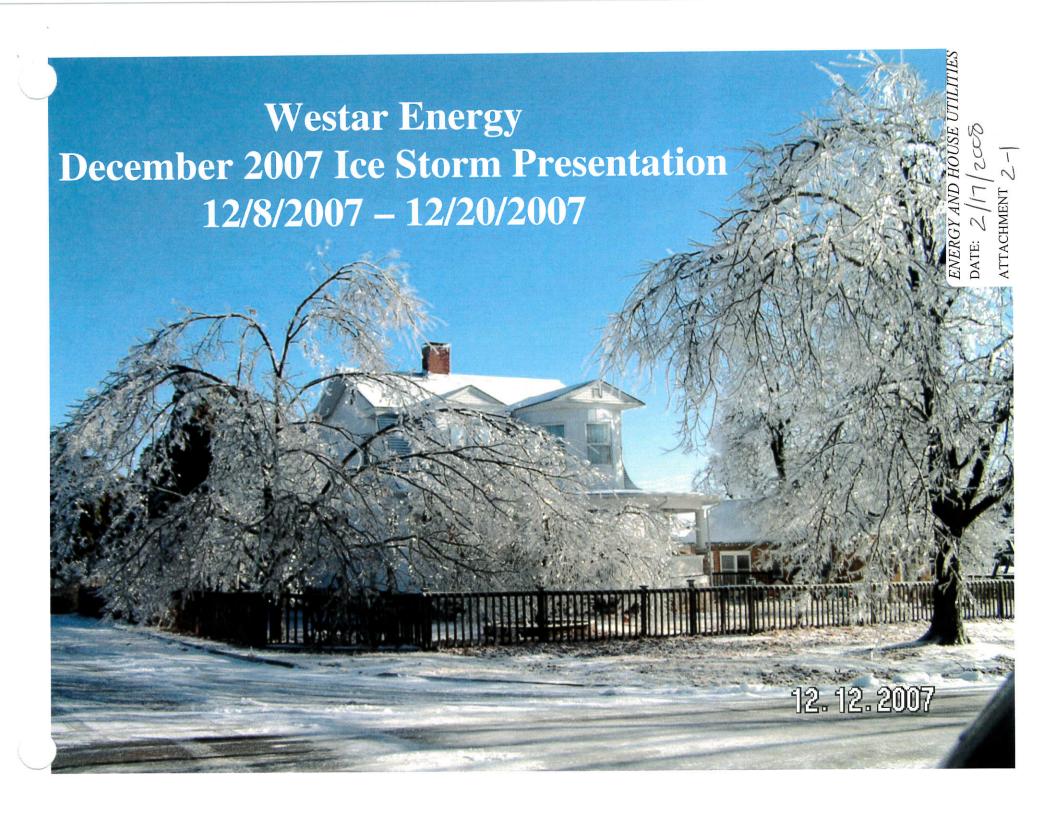
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276 linemen	(total=331)
553 linemen	(total=884)
521 linemen	(total=1,405)
480 linemen	(total=1,885)
40 linemen	(total=1,925)
70 linemen	(total=1,995)
	276 linemen 553 linemen 521 linemen 480 linemen 40 linemen

In the later stages of the storm restoration, as areas finished restoring power, we routed available crews to the areas with customers remaining out. Only when customers throughout the system were restored, did we begin releasing the crews.

Our company crews continue to perform follow-up work, restoring service to damaged customer facilities and making temporary repairs permanent. This follow-up is typical in a large magnitude storm and should continue for several months.

We would like to thank The Adjutant General's Department. We worked closely throughout the storm restoration with TAG personnel on site in our storm command center. This relationship was mutually beneficial and helped provide valuable assistance to our communities though this difficult situation.

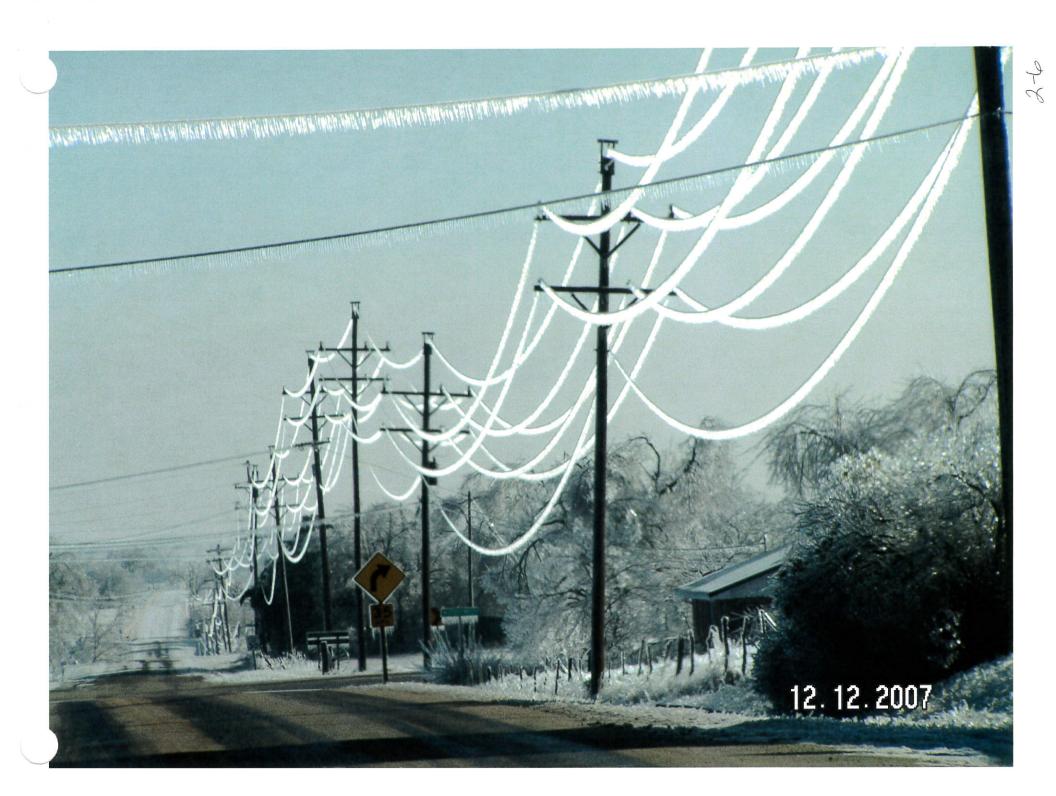
Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this information to you. I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

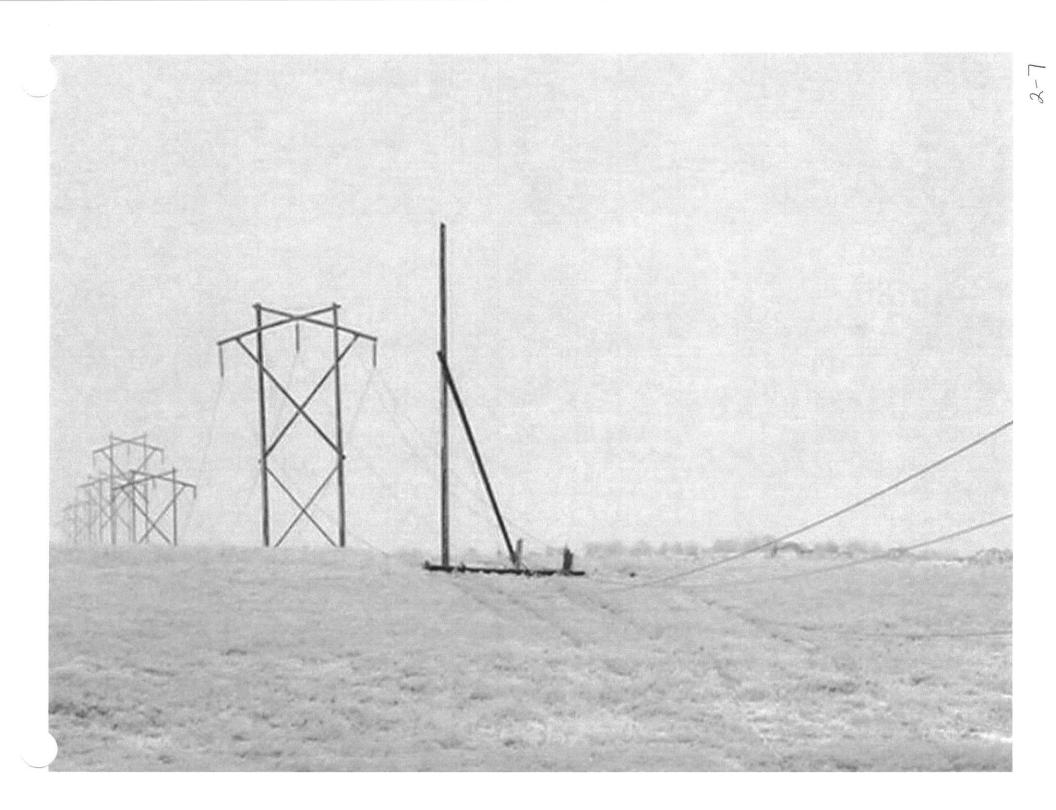












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Dec. 2007 Ice Storm

Presented to the House Utilities Committee

Dave Holthaus

Jan. 17, 2008

- 23 Kansas Electric Co-ops Affected
- 58,505 Outages
- 10,889 Broken Poles





Kansas Outages - Dec. 8-12, 2007 Ice Storm

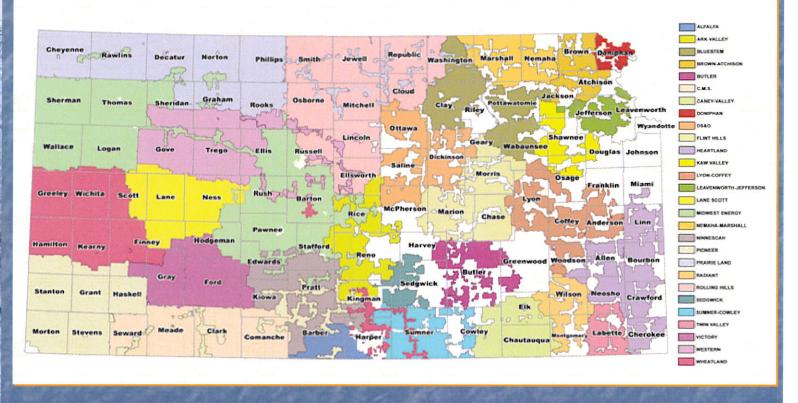


Major Outages (Handled In-House)

Requested Mutual Aid Assistance



Electric Cooperatives in Kansas









Outages by Co-op

Ark Valley	3,000
Bluestem	4,400
Brown-Atchison	3,158
Butler	330
CMS	2,500
Doniphan	1,650
DS&O	4,700
Flint Hills	4,300
Heartland	1,300
Kaw Valley	5,550
Lane-Scott	747

Leavenworth-Jefferson 6,000

Lyon-Coffey	470
Midwest Energy	9,000
Nemaha-Marshall	3,000
Ninnescah	2,400
Prairie Land	200
Rolling Hills	3,000
Sedgwick County	100
Twin Valley	200
Victory	500
Western	1,500
Wheatland	500
TOTAL	58,50





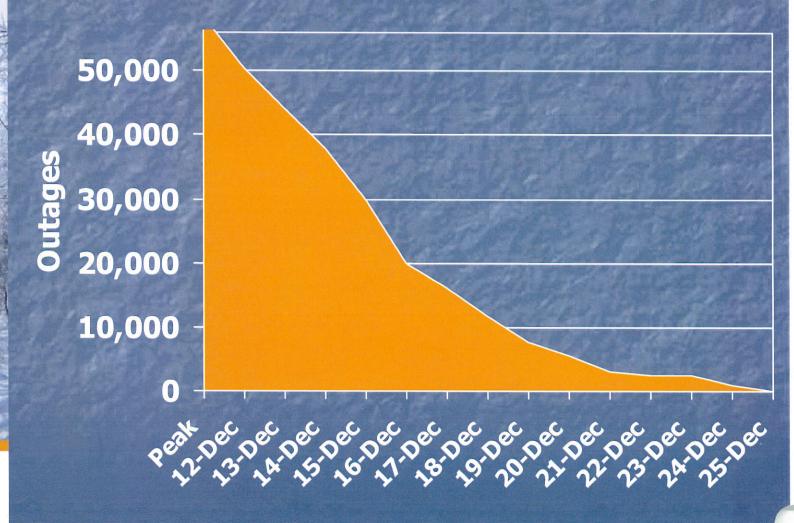
Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Mutual Aid from KEC

- 1,500 linemen brought in
- Representing 10 states
 - 1. Arkansas
 - 2. Colorado
 - 3. Kansas
 - 4. Louisiana
 - 5. Missouri
 - 6. Nebraska
 - 7. North Dakota
 - 8. Oklahoma
 - 9. South Dakota
 - 10. Texas













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Dec. '06 & Dec. '07 Storms Compared

	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2007
Co-ops Affected	9	23
Poles Down	15,128 + 21 Transmission Towers	10,889
Outages	46,300	58,505



























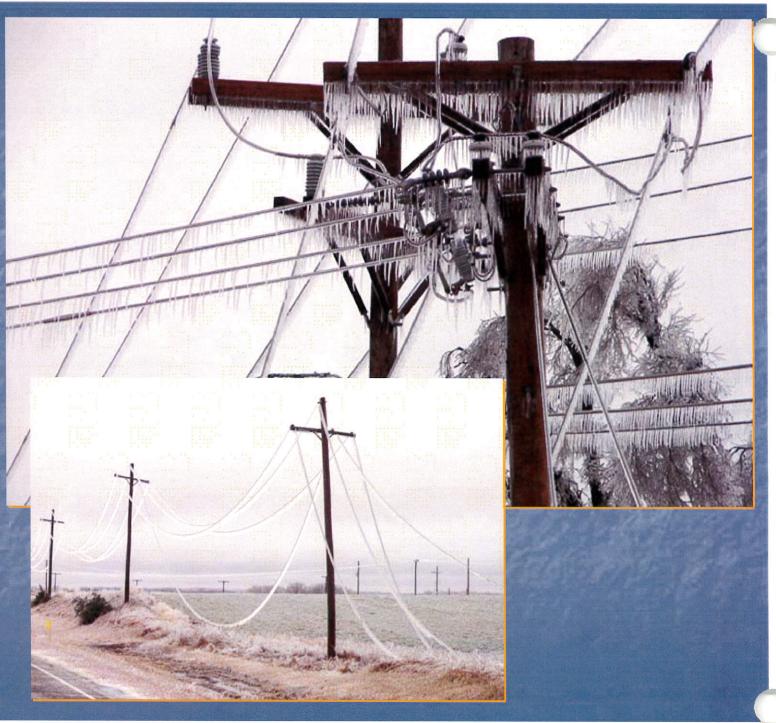






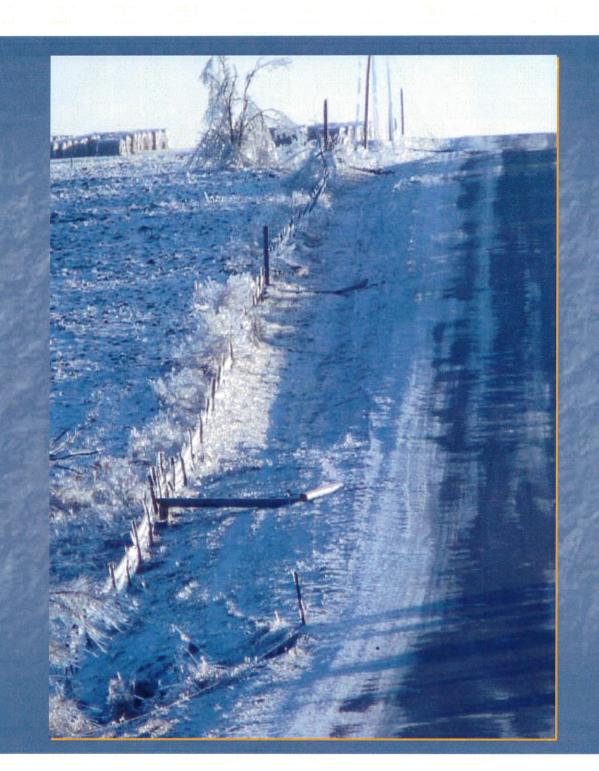




























Member Appreciation

'Twas two weeks before Christmas Eve when the lights blinked not once, but thrice, We knew right away it had to be because of the ice!

With my head in the sink at eight minutes till eight, We knew just then that the shampoo was too late.

Not a sound was heard in the blackest of night, Till the husband appeared with a trusty flashlight.

All that week – each day – we would hope, Electricity please, but, Oh Dear – Oh Nope!

On the eighth night we saw a "star in the East", We had just finished our <u>fifth</u> can of soup — oh what a feast.

'Twas not a star, but the REA truck, What a joy — what good tidings and not just good luck.

7:30 p.m. and the darkest of night, Those fellows, those Heroes had come to our plight.

With a few hundred poles and a flick of a switch, The lights were on with a narry a hitch!

The tv, radio, and lights were as bright as high noon, And the freezer was humming a beautiful tune.

How happy, how happy were we, That handsome, helmeted fellow to see.

Then he turned with a smile, Saying "now you are on for more than a while".

I heard him exclaim 'for he moved out of sight, Now, you folks have a very good night!

All we could say was, "Thank you, Thank you so", And then, on to the next home he did go.

- by Virginia Russell, St. John, Ninnescan member





Member Appreciation

Angels in hard hats and bright yellow coats,

Mounted in bucket trucks towing tall poles.

Big bobbins of cable, 'neath flood lights work on,
In cold, snow and ice, their hours are long!

From many locations their addresses are spread.

When the calls go out to the rescue they're led.

Not overly gentle, sometimes they look rough.

But when thousands are powerless their actions are enough!

Did God send the ice storm? I really can't say.

But His angels in hard hats turn night back to day!

Thanks, linemen! We love you!

Sharon Tally, Keats, KS - Bluestem Member







Christmas Eve Dinner at the Kickapoo Reservation





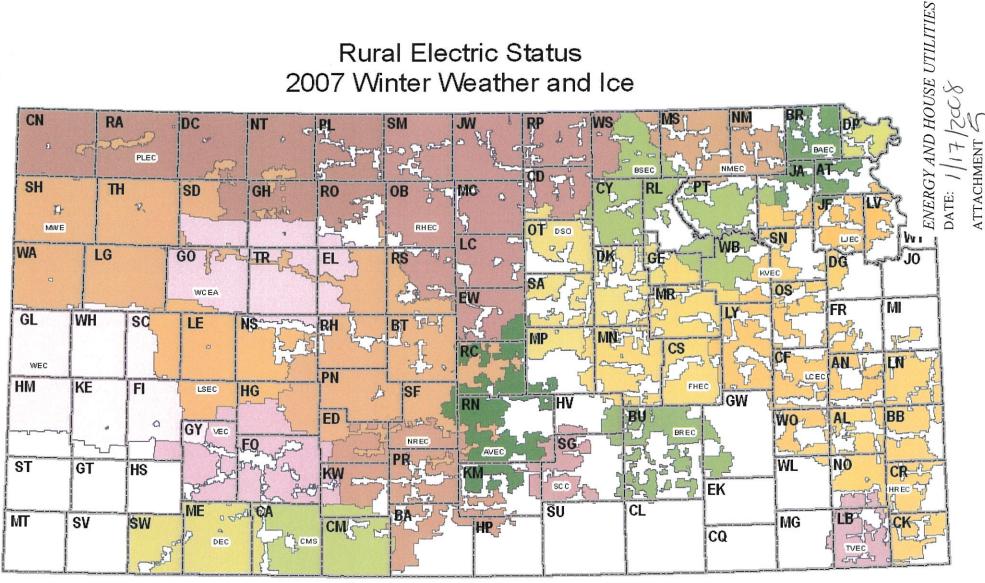


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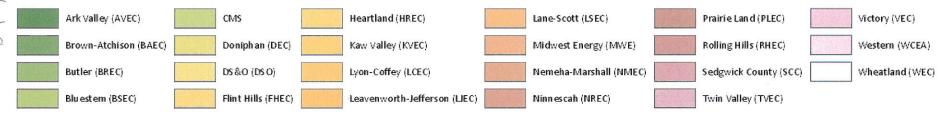




Rural Electric Status 2007 Winter Weather and Ice







Kansas Disasters 2007

Major General Tod M. Bunting The Adjutant General and Division of Emergency Management Director

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Winter Storm December 2007

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ENERGY AND HOUSE UTILITIES

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ATTACHMENT / A - /

- December 9th
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
 - · Level 2 Watch
 - Emergency Management and National Guard staff
- December 10th
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
 - · Level 3 24 hour operations
 - Governor's declaration 105 counties
 - · Kansas Response Plan activated

Incident Overview

- December 11th
 - Governor requests emergency declaration from President
- December 12th
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
 - · Level 5 Federal involvement
 - President approves emergency declaration
 - direct federal assistance for 105 counties
 - generators, water, cots, MREs, technical assistance

Incident Overview

- Storm-related fatalities 2 Reno and Geary
- State mission assignments 170

 transportation (86)

 generators (47)

 personnel (11)

 cots (8)

 water (7)

 armory shelter (4)

 Search & Rescue (2)

 emergency debris removal (2)

 heater meals (1)

 security (1)

 equipment (1)

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- Total shelters open at peak 50
- Total meters at peak 183,505
 Westar Energy (125,000)
 Rural Electric Coops (58,505)

- Total poles 12,979

 - Westar Energy (2,090) Rural Electric Coops (10,889)
- Total linemen

 - Westar Energy (1,995)
 Rural Electric Coops compiling data

Rural Electric Status 2007 Winter Weather and Ice

Public Assistance Estimates

- Category A
 - Debris removal
 - \$16,000,000
- Category B
 - Emergency protective measures
 \$3,000,000
- Category C
 - Roads
 - \$600,000

Estimates are not official-request for major disaster declaration pending

Public Assistance Estimates

- Category D
 - Water control facilities
 - no damage reported
- · Category E
 - Public buildings
 - \$144,000
- Category F
 - Utilities
 - \$150,000,000

Estimates are not official-request for major disaster declaration pending

Public Assistance Estimates

- Category G
 - Recreational or other
 - \$6,000
- · Total Estimate all categories
 - \$169,750,000
 - state share (10%)
 - \$1,697,500

Estimates are not official-request for major disaster declaration pending

January 2007 vs December 2007

January 2007

- 42 counties declared
- Electrical damage
- 9 rural electrics
- 15,128 poles
- 46,300 meters - 21 transmission towers
- Total utility damage
- \$342,820,992

December 2007*

- · 61 counties declared
- Electrical damage
- 24 rural electrics
- 10,889 poles
- 58,505 meters - 0 transmission towers
- Total estimate - \$150,000,000

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- · ESF #1 Transportation
 - Kansas National Guard
 - · resources and commodities
 - SEOC operations
- ESF #3 Public Works & engineering
 - Kansas Department of Transportation
 - emergency snow removal
 - SEOC operations

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #5 Emergency management
 - Division of Emergency Management
 - · SEOC management and operations 24 hour staffing
 - · assessments (needs and damage)
 - mission assignments
 - · coordinate response and recovery missions
 - prepare disaster declaration requests
 - situational awareness

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #6 Mass care
 - American Red Cross
 - shelter, mass feeding, and comfort stations
 - SEOC operations
 - Kansas National Guard
 - · comfort stations
 - SEOC operations
 - Department of Administration
 - special needs population planning

- · ESF #7 Resource management
 - Division of Emergency Management
 - · coordination of all disaster-related resources
 - SEOC operations
 - Kansas National Guard
 - · cots, generators, water, technical assistance
 - SEOC operations
 - Kansas Contractors Assn. and Land Improvement Contractors Assn.
 - · vendors, technical assistance

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #8 Health & medical
 - Kansas Department of Health & Environment
 - hospital and critical care nursing facilities
 - · SEOC operations
- · ESF #9 Search & Rescue
 - Kansas National Guard
 - Door-to-door searches
 - Cherokee and Marion Counties

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #12 Energy
 - Division of Emergency Management
 - prioritize restoration of services
 - · coordination with utility providers
 - SEOC operations
 - Westar Energy
 - · prioritize restoration of services
 - · operations center personnel exchanges
 - Rural Electric Cooperatives
 - · information sharing

- ESF #15 External communications
 - The Adjutant General
 - Governor's office
 - Westar Energy
 - joint releases, information sharing, public protection measures

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Flooding June 2007

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- · June 29th
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
 - · Level 2 Watch
 - Emergency Management and National Guard staff
- June 30th
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
 - Level 3 24 hour operations
 - Governor's declaration 17 Southeast counties
 - Kansas Response Plan activated

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Incident Overview

- July 1st
 - Governor requests expedited major disaster declaration from President
 - 17 Southeast Counties
- July 2nd
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
 - Level 5 Federal involvement
 - President approves life saving & protective measures and direct federal assistance
 - generators, water, ice, technical assistance

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Incident Overview

- July 5th
 - President approves Individual Assistance
 - · Elk, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson
- July 13th
 - President approves Individual Assistance
 - Allen, Cowley, Linn, Labette

- July 18th

 - President approves Individual Assistance
 Anderson, Bourbon, Butter, Chautsuqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Crawford, Franklin, Greenwood, Osage

 - President approves Public Assistance
 Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Coffey, Cowley, Elk Franklin, Greenwood, Harper, Labette, Linn, Osage, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson, Woodson
- July 25th
 - Incident period closes
- August 17th
 - President approves Public Assistance
 Edwards, Pawnee

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Incident Overview

- Storm-related fatality 1
 - Montgomery County Coffeyville
- State mission assignments 213
 - emergency services (64)

 - emergency services (64)
 local governmental assistance (54)
 includes Kansas Incident Management Teams

 - transportation (32)
 health & safety (22)
 facilities and utility restoration 15

 - resources (11) debris removal (6) communications (5)

 - search & rescue (4)

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Federal Assistance

- · Total missions 40
 - Total \$5,089,075
 - · EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers
 - · 100 % federal share
- · Total direct federal assistance
 - 9 missions
 - · water and ice
 - Total \$1,461,202
 - federal share \$1,169,026
 - state share \$292,256

Individual Assistance Total registrations - 4,082 Housing assistance - \$14,923,246 - 100% federal share - 83 FEMA provided mobile homes Other Needs Assistance - \$3,838,953 - 75% federal share - 25% state share - \$959,739 Disaster Recovery Centers - 14 Individual Assistance · Small Business Administration (SBA) loans - \$27,334,700 · 369 approvals 100% federal share Disaster Unemployment Assistance – - \$110,647 • 795 weeks approved 65 applications approved 100% federal share

Public Assistance

- Category A
 - Debris Removal
 - \$735,568
 - Spiller responsible for oil contaminated disaster debris
- Category B
 - Emergency Protective Measures
 - \$2,635,155
- Category C
 - Roads
 - \$8,018,618

Public Assistance

- Category D
 - Water Control Facilities
 - \$934,782
- Category E
 - Public Buildings
 - \$3,859,870
- Category F

 - Utilities \$8,402,646

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Public Assistance

- Category G
 - Recreational or other
 - \$490,743
- Total all categories
 - \$25,077,385
 - 10% state share
 - \$2,507,738

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #1 Transportation
 - Kansas National Guard
 - · resources and commodities
 - SEOC operations
 - Kansas Highway Patrol
 - · immunizations, water samples
 - SEOC operations
- ESF #2 Communications
 - Kansas Department of Transportation
 - Communications on Wheels (COW)
 - SEOC operations

- ESF #3 Public works & engineering
 - Kansas Department of Transportation
 - · assessment of state highways
 - · highways closures/openings and emergency road repair
 - SEOC operations
 - Kansas National Guard
 - · debris estimating technical assistance

Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #5 Emergency management
 - Division of Emergency Management
 - SEOC management and operations 24 hour staffing
 assessments (needs and damage)

 - · mission assignments
 - coordinate response and recovery missions
 prepare disaster declaration requests

 - · situational awareness field operations
 - Civil Air Patrol
 - · aerial assessments
 - Kansas Highway Patrol
 - · aerial assessments

Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #6 Mass care
 - American Red Cross
 - shelter, mass feeding
 - SEOC operations
 - Department of Administration
 - · special needs population

- ESF #7 Resource management
 - Division of Emergency Management
 - · coordination of all disaster-related resources
 - Kansas National Guard
 - SEOC operations

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #8 Health & medical

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 Kansas Department of Health & Environment

 Hospital and critical care nursing facilities

 Immunizations

 Public health recommendations

 Water testing

 Technical assistance to water treatment providers and county public health providers

 SEOC representative

 field operations
- ESF #9 Search & Rescue Kansas National Guard
 door-to-door searches
 Water Rescue Teams
 Swift water rescues

Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #10 Hazardous Materials
 - Kansas Fire Marshal
 Regional Hazmat Team
 - Kansas Department of Health & Environment
 technical assistance

 - · personal protective equipment
- ESF #11 Natural Resources
 - Division of Emergency Management
 levee and water shed district inspection
 - Kansas Department of Agriculture

 - · food safety inspections Kansas Animal Health
 - Inspections of oil contaminated land and cattle feed
 veterinary services

- ESF #13 Public Safety
 - Kansas Highway Patrol
 - Kansas National Guard
 - augmented local jurisdictions
 - SEOC operations
- ESF #15 External Affairs
 - The Adjutant General's Department
 - Governor's Office

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Severe storms and flooding beginning May 2007

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- · May 4th
 - State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
 - Level 4 24 hour operations
 - Emergency Management and National Guard staff
- May 5th
 - Governor's declaration
 - Kansas Response Plan activated
 - Governor requests President for a major disaster declaration for Kiowa County

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Incident Overview

- May 6th
 - President declares major disaster declaration for Kiowa county for Individual and Public Assistance
- May 11th
 - President approves Individual Assistance
 - · Edwards, Pratt, Stafford
- May 18th
 - President approves Individual Assistance
 Barton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips,
 President approves Public Assistance

 - Edwards, Pratt
 Incident period closed

Incident Overview

- May 24th

 - President approves Public Assistance
 Comanche, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jackson, Lincoln, Osage, Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee
- May 25th

 - President approves Individual Assistance
 Clay, Cloud, Comanche, Leavenworth, Lyon, Reno, Rice, Saline, Shawnee
- June 1st

 - June 11

 President approves Individual Assistance
 Riley

 President approves Public Assistance
 Chase, Cheroke, Doniphan, Douglas, Harper, Kingman, Nemaha, Riley, Washington

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- June 11th
 - President approves Individual Assistance
 Dickinson, Ellsworth
- June 15th
 - President approves Individual Assistance

 Osage
- June 19th
 - President approves Public Assistance
 - Brown
 - President approves 100% federal funding for 72 hours for debris removal and emergency protective measures

Incident Summary

- June 29th
 - Individual Assistance registration period is extended 30 days
- July 13th
 - Incident period is reopened and extended to June 1st
- July 18th
 - President approves Individual Assistance

 - McPherson, Smith, Pottawatomie
 President approves Public Assistance
 - · Cowley, Harvey, Marshall, McPherson, Morris, Pawnee, Smith

Incident Overview

- 15 storm-related fatalities
 - Kiowa (12) Stafford (1) Pratt (1) Ottawa (1)
- 63 critical storm-related injuries
- 2 shelters Kiowa County
- Number of utility poles at peak 6,740

 Midwest Energy (4,800)

 Ninnescah (1,940)

- State mission assignments 669
 - emergency services (236)
 - local government assistance (171)
 - includes Incident Management Teams
 - debris removal (83)
 - logistics/supplies (53)
 - health & safety (49)
 - facilities & utility restoration (30)
 - transportation (18)
 - aerial damage surveys (15)
 - communications (14)

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Federal Assistance

- Total missions 60
 - Total \$13,010,500
- · Total direct federal assistance
 - 9 missions
 - Federal Share \$5,915,000
 - State Share \$1,478,750
 - 100% federal cost share adjustment not included
- Urban Search & Rescue
 - Total \$329,284
 - State Share \$82,321

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Individual Assistance

- Total registrations 4,588
- Housing assistance \$8,044,087

 100% federal share

 194 FEMA provided mobile homes occupied
- Other Needs Assistance \$1,653,391
- 75% federal share 25% state share \$413,340
- Disaster Recovery Centers 9
- 5,468 visits
 100% federal for facilities, equipment, phones, etc.
 100% state expense for staffing
 Revenue, SRS, KDEM, KDHE, etc.

Individual Assistance

- Small Business Administration (SBA) loans
 - \$41,738,600
 - 577 approvals
 - 100% federal share
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance
 - \$111,931
 - 609 weeks approved
 - 46 applications approved
 - 100% federal share

Public Assistance

- Category A
 - Debris Removal
 - \$4,700,000
- Category B
 - Emergency Protective Measures
 \$6,075,000
- Category C
 - Roads
 - \$15,400,000

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Public Assistance

- Category D
 - Water Control Facilities
 - \$214,000
- Category E
 - Public Buildings
 - \$13,500,000
- · Category F
 - Utilities
 - \$27,000,000

Public Assistance

- Category G
 - Recreational or Other
 - \$1,600,000
- · Total all categories
 - \$68,489,000
 - 10% state share
 - \$6,848,900
 - Greensburg's 15% share
 - \$25,216

Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #1 Transportation
 - Kansas National Guard
 - · resources
 - SEOC operations
- ESF #2 Communications
 - Kansas Department of Transportation
 Communications on Wheels (COW)

 - SEOC operations
 - Kansas National Guard
 - emergency communication
 - Kansas Highway Patrol
 - · emergency communication

Emergency Support Functions

- · ESF #3 Public works & engineering
 - Kansas Department of Transportation
 - debris removal
 - · field staff
 - · SEOC operations
 - Kansas National Guard
 - debris removal
 - field staff
 - SEOC operations

- ESF #5 Emergency Management
 - Division of Emergency Management
 - SEOC management and operations -- 24 hour staffing
 - assessments (needs and damage)
 - · mission assignments
 - · coordinate response and recovery missions
 - prepare disaster declaration requests
 - situational awareness
 - · field staff
 - Civil Air Patrol
 - Aerial assessments
 - Kansas Highway Patrol
 - Land and aerial assessments

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #6 Mass Care
 - American Red Cross
 - Shelter and mass feeding
 - SEOC operations
 - Salvation Army
 - mass feeding
 - · donations services and supplies
 - United Way of the Plains
 - donations cash
 - Southern Baptists
 - mass feeding
 - Department of Administration
 - Special needs population

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #7 Resource Management
 - Division of Emergency Management
 - · Coordination of all disaster-related resources
 - SEOC operations
 - field operations

- ESF #8 Health & Medical
 - Kansas Department of Health & Environment
 hospital and critical care nursing facilities
 immunizations
 technical assistance to county public health

 - SEOC representative
 public health recommendations
 - · behavioral health
 - field operations
 Kansas National Guard
 - EMEDs
- ESF #9 Search & Rescue
 - Kansas National GuardCivil Air Patrol

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Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #10 Hazardous Materials
 - Kansas Fire Marshal
 - Regional Hazmat Teams
 SEOC operations
 field operations
 - Kansas Department of Health & Environment
 - debris sorting landfill
 - · household hazardous waste
 - · field staff
 - SEOC operations

 - field operations
 Division of Emergency Management
 coordination and technical assistance

 - · field operations

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Emergency Support Functions

- · ESF #13 Public Safety
 - Kansas Highway Patrol
 - · augmented local jurisdictions
 - SEOC operations
- ESF #15 External Affairs
 - The Adjutant General's Department
 - Governor's Office
 - joint information system and joint information center
 - field operations

Federal thresholds

Public Assistance Program

County \$3.05 per capita

State \$1.22 per capita

Kansas Population 2,688,418

\$3,279,870

75% federal funds/25% non-federal share
Historically 15% local/10% state

Individual Assistance Program

Small Business Administration

 25 homes and/or businesses with more than a 40% uninsured loss

FEMA Programs

- 100 major/destroyed homes
- \$3 million uninsured housing loss
- Economic impact, fatalities, demographics

Food, fuel and generators not eligible

75% federal funds/25% non-federal



MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY ICE STORM RESPONSE

December ice storms spread across Kansas causing significant damage to electric utilities including many municipal systems. As calls started pouring in, municipal electric utility crews responded – assessing the damage and organizing restoration efforts. Several systems experienced such extensive damage that mutual aid efforts were activated. However, because the storm covered such an extensive area, many utilities had to take care of their own systems before helping others. In addition, electric line contractors were also in short supply given the need for storm restoration services across the entire region further complicating local restoration.

Electric crews from 23 municipal electric systems through the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) mutual aid program were activated and mobilized to help restore electric services to 10 significantly damaged municipal systems. Those cities receiving mutual aid through that program included: Clay Center, Herington, Holton, Horton, Larned, Pratt, St. John, Sterling, and Wamego. In addition, crews from eight municipal systems were on the scene to help restore electric service to the small city of Chetopa in Southeast Kansas. Chetopa received nearly two inches of ice crippling the community's entire electric system. Other communities not a part of the mutual aid program also received serious damage requiring assistance. With the intensive restoration efforts, only one municipal employee injury was reported.

However, there were some municipal shining stars that were able to keep the lights on while wholesale suppliers could not supply electricity due to storm damage. For example, the City of Chapman ran its new electric generating plant to power the entire community while its neighboring communities, such as Abilene, remained in the dark. While it was repairing downed lines, the City of Sterling was the only community in Rice County with electrical power for several days because of its community-owned diesel-fired power plant. Several communities have expressed a much greater appreciation for their city-owned generating capabilities. In addition, the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities had initial outages of 35,000 customers. That number was reduced throughout one night to 10,000 customers and arrangements were made for customers for food and shelter assistance with the local Red Cross.

At this point in time, KMU does not have complete information on the dollar value of damages experienced by its member cities because these communities have had to deal with issues beyond just the electric utility damage. They have also been working to restore and maintain their other community operations including water, wastewater, public safety, debris removal, emergency shelters, and other emergency-related operations. This storm has caused millions of dollars in damages to these communities that are still being tabulated.

The municipal utility community is a tight-knit group that pulls together in times of crisis to help one another. These situations have demonstrated the need for an effectively coordinated effort to respond to emergencies impacting publicly operated utility systems including electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater systems, and KMU will be working together with its members to continue improving the response system. Kansas has always had a strong concept of neighbor helping neighbor, and a strong mutual aid program demonstrates that ideal as communities work together in times of crisis.

ENERGY AND HOUSE UTILITIES

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