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## **BECi Reaches Restoration Milestone** *1,100 linemen work to repair 5,700 miles of line*

**DeRidder**— Fourteen days after Hurricane Laura destroyed BECi’s distribution infrastructure, the co-op reaches a restoration milestone with over 10,000 meters restored. On September 8, 2020, BECi with the help of 1,100 linemen and 600 pieces of equipment restored power to 1,200 meters.

“Our outage numbers continue to climb every day,” said General Manager Kevin Turner. “We want to reassure our members that we are working as quickly and as safely as we can.”

BECi has energized substations in Anacoco Lake, DeRidder, Dry Creek, Elizabeth, Kinder, Merryville, New Llano, Oberlin, Pickering, Pitkin, Rapides and Sugartown. Crews are working in every area of BECi’s service territory to repair circuit lines. After these lines are repaired, crews will begin to work on service and tap lines to individual homes.

BECi reminds members that communicating or stopping line crews to ask questions only slows down the restoration process.

“Our linemen have felt the outpouring of support and southern hospitality from our members and we are very thankful for that,” said BECi spokesperson Danielle Tilley. “But if a linemen takes ten minutes to explain restoration to six different people, that is one hour longer our members are going to have to wait to get their power restored, and those hours add up.”

As of September 9, 2020, 2:00 PM, here are the current outage totals.

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Members Served</b>	<b>Total Number of Members Without Power</b>	<b>Total Number of Members Restored to Date</b>	<b>Percentage of Parish Still Out</b>	<b>Percentage of Parish Restored</b>
Allen	5509	3680	1829	66%	34%
Beauregard	14943	11794	3149	78%	22%
Calcasieu	12402	12325	77	99%	1%
Evangeline	50	25	25	50%	50%
Jeff Davis	336	233	103	69%	31%
Rapides	1487	1168	319	78%	22%
Vernon	8172	2833	5339	34%	66%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42899</b>	<b>32058</b>	<b>10841</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>26%</b>

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