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BECi Restores Power to 1,300 Members Overnight *1,100 linemen work to repair 5,700 miles of line*

DeRidder— Ten days after Hurricane Laura destroyed BECi’s distribution infrastructure, over 6,000 meters have been restored. On Saturday, September 5, linemen worked to restore power to 1,300 meters, the biggest gain so far in the co-op’s restoration efforts.

“This pace of recovery would not be possible without the 1,100 additional linemen we have helping us,” said General Manager Kevin Turner. “We are thankful for these guys who traveled all this way. They are out there battling this Louisiana heat and humidity, spending time away from their families, working as quickly and as safely as they can to restore power to our members.”

In addition to linemen, the co-op has 60 customer service representatives and support staff to answer phones, cook meals, and coordinate logistics to support the mission of restoring power to 43,000 members.

“We understand that this is a difficult time for our community,” said BECi spokesperson Danielle Tilley. “Our members have suffered catastrophic damage to their homes and businesses and restoring electricity goes a long way to restoring a sense of normalcy. We know how important that is and we’re working hard to make that happen.”

As of September 6, 2020, 2:00 PM, here are the current outage totals.

Parish	Members Served	Total Number of Members Without Power	Total Number of Members Restored to Date	Percentage of Parish Still Out	Percentage of Parish Restored
Allen	5509	4188	1321	76%	24%
Beauregard	14943	13129	1814	87%	13%
Calcasieu	12402	12325	77	99%	1%
Evangeline	50	24	26	48%	52%
Jeff Davis	336	294	42	87%	13%
Rapides	1487	1402	85	94%	6%
Vernon	8172	4576	3596	55%	45%
Total	42899	35938	6951	83%	17%

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