

JDEC Restores Power Through Holiday Weekend

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JENNINGS (September 8, 2020)—Jeff Davis Electric Cooperative (JDEC) worked through the holiday weekend to continue to restore power to a little over 4,400 consumer-members. Five substations have been energized.

Two additional substations are almost ready to be energized however the transmission lines to those substations will take a few weeks for reconstruction. JDEC is working to secure 5-megawatt mobile generators to power up the Derouen and Charlie substations. “The target date for delivery of the mobile generator equipment is Friday, September 11,” said Michael Heinen, JDEC General Manager. The following areas will benefit from the mobile generator: Derouen north and south of Iowa (Jeff Davis Parish) and Charlie west of Lane Road to Morganfield, and as repairs are made east of Lane Road those lines will be energized. “We hope to restore power to those locations over this coming weekend,” said Heinen.

The following substations that serve the described areas have been energized:

Jeff Davis Parish

The Potter Substation located in Lake Arthur serves approximately 409 meters. This substation serves power to the following areas: northwest towards Thornwell, Marceaux Road and west Nibblett Line; southeast towards Highway 14/Morgan Shores; and south to Highway 14/Pom Roy Road/Highway 3056 (Lowry Highway)/Lacassine Bridge. JDEC is still working on a small section of houses that are not energized in this location.

The Robbie Substation located in Lake Arthur serves approximately 912 meters. This substation serves power to the following areas: northeast on Bobby Road to south of Jennings, Martin Roy Road; south to Lake Arthur and Andrus Cove; and northwest on Mouton Road to south of Welsh, Highway 99/Bellard Road.

The Compton Substation located in Roanoke serves approximately 1764 meters. This substation serves power to the following areas: north to Litteral Road, east into Fuselier Cove; west towards Welsh, to Texas Treaters; and east to Hathaway/north Jennings.

Allen Parish

The Tupper Substation located in Elton serves approximately 639 meters. This substation serves power to the following areas: north into the Coushatta Tribe; east Fuselier Cove; and west from Elton Elementary School.

Vermilion Parish

The Klondike Substation located in Gueydan serves approximately 700 meters. This substation serves power to the following areas: northeast to Cypress Point; south of Lake Arthur Bridge up to the intersection of Veteran and Cypress Point; South Talens Landing Road/South Highway 717; Louisiana Avenue (Lakeside 2); northwest to North Highway 717; and Lakeside Road.

JDEC reminds consumer-members, under no circumstances should a meter be removed or pulled. It is illegal to tamper with a meter because it creates other safety hazards. If you have pulled or tampered with your meter, it could result in a fatality. Please contact our offices immediately at 1-800-256-5332. Generators should be hooked up properly according to the manufacturer’s recommendations by a licensed electrician with a switch that isolates the utility from the consumer-member’s generator.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, crews are following additional protocols designed to keep them safe and healthy. These protocols add an additional layer of complexity to the restoration process. Members are urged not to approach crews and to remember the importance of social distancing so these mission-essential workers can continue to work safely. JDEC strongly discourages everyone from driving around looking at downed poles and lines.

Traffic will slow down the progress of lineworkers. If you must be on the highways, please give utility workers the right of way and drive cautiously around job sites.

Finally, if you are removing debris, do not pile debris under or near JDEC powerlines or near JDEC equipment. Even if the powerlines are down. It is advised that you make two separate piles for vegetative debris and construction/building debris away from our powerlines. There will be different debris removal companies removing the various types of debris.

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