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## Line crew work force quadruples

(JACKSON, MN) – Outage numbers are dropping as crews restore power. This morning Federated had 1,992 outages and that number has now dropped to 1,659.

In addition, 14 more linemen are arriving. Eight more will arrive from Iowa electric cooperatives, two from Jackson municipal are assisting, along with two from Meeker Electric Cooperative in Litchfield. That brings the grand total of line crews working in Jackson County to more than 60 working outage restoration.

Power has been restored to the following areas today:

- The south circuit from the Miloma substation restored power to southwest Okabena.
- Most of Martin County is restored, including Dunnell. The Welcome line crews are moving into Jackson county to assist with outage restoration.
- Federated line crews are working south of Jackson to restore power
- Plus, the crews are making good progress in the areas of Round Lake, north of Lakefield and south Okabena, along with Kinbrae and Dunnell.

“The most frequent question we are receiving from members today is how long will it be until we have power restored,” stated Scott Reimer, Federated’s general manager. “I wish we could answer that question. However, we need the transmission lines rebuilt by Great River Energy that feed our substations with power. We just don’t have a clear answer on that yet, but hope to have a majority on by the end of the weekend.”

Federated reminds the public to avoid downed power lines and poles. You do not know if the electricity is still on or off. We don’t want anyone risking an injury.

Watch for more updates today on Federated’s Facebook page and website.

Federated is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative serving 6,700 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.

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