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## Line crew work force quadruples

(JACKSON, MN) – The extra help has arrived! Federated's 12 linemen are no longer tackling outage restoration alone. The line crew work force has nearly quadrupled.

Federated welcomed 20 cooperative linemen from four Iowa electric cooperatives, nine linemen from contractor Karian Peterson, five linemen from contractor Highline Construction. As of this morning, that brings it to 46 linemen working this storm restoration. Crews started their work day at 6 a.m.

The focus this morning involves working on the worst stretches of downed line:

- The 20 Iowa linemen will rebuild the eight miles north of Lakefield to the Wilder substation along Highway 86.
- The nine linemen from Karian Peterson will work the four miles of rebuild south of Okabena and three-mile stretch west of Okabena.
- The five linemen from Highline Construction will rebuild the five miles lines north of the Round Lake substation, along with two Federated digger trucks.
- Two Federated aerial trucks will work on restoring power between Alpha and Jackson. Then the Federated crews will start working on individual outages.
- In Martin County the Welcome line crews today will work on restoring power to the largest areas without power in the following townships: Center Creek, Pleasant Prairie and Rutland. They will then work their way across Martin County restoring major sections without power.

As of 7:30 a.m. Friday morning Federated had 1,992 Federated members without power.

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.

"We are hoping for great progress today," stated Federated general manager Scott Reimer. "We thank members for your patience and support."

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