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All Federated substations restored with power

(JACKSON, MN) – Today Great River Energy (GRE) finished the rebuilding of eight 69 KV transmission line structures to the West Lakefield substation at the intersection of Interstate 90 and County Road 9 south of Okabena. Restoring power to this one substation allowed Federated to backfeed or reroute power to the other two substations: Round Lake, to the southwest, and Minneota, to the southeast. This restored power to 400 and reduced the outages to 652. However, GRE still needs to rebuild the transmission lines to Round Lake and Minneota substations.

Now that the transmission lines bring power to this substation, Federated's priorities will be restoring power to the three-phase lines (in the shape of a "T" with a cross arm) because that restores power to the most members. Then the next major step is restoring power to the single phase lines that are pole in the shape of "I". Finally, the last phase is restoring power to individual farms and homes.

"This was a big step in restoring power to hundreds in Jackson County, including the city of Round Lake" stated Scott Reimer, Federated's general manager. "Crews will now split up and work to restore power on the different lines that are still off."

Watch for more updates Saturday on Federated's Facebook page and website www.federatedrea.coop.

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

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