

JDEC Ramps Up Manpower to Restore Power

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JENNINGS (October 12, 2020) –After restoring power to 75% of its consumer-members, Hurricane Delta made landfall on October 9 knocking out the entire system for the second time this hurricane season. Suffering extensive damages from Hurricane Laura, it took five weeks to rebuild 75% of system back. The category 2 hurricane, with sustaining winds of 100 mph, delt the Jeff Davis Electric Co-op (JDEC) another powerful blow.

“Today we were able to reach a significant milestone restoring power once again to some consumer-members,” said JDEC General Manager Mike Heinen. JDEC is reporting restoration for consumer-members in Calcasieu parish. Approximately 954 meters from the Manchester substation including west to Earl Daughenbaugh Road; south to Helms Road; east on Highway 14; east on Amoco Road; east on Nick Martone and Harris Road.

About 50% of the Charlie substation was also energized today, approximately 330 meters - east to Manchester Road; south to McCowan Road. JDEC anticipates restoration on the remainder of the Charlie substation will be completed tomorrow.

“We had to send our additional line crews, from Hurricane Laura, home to keep them out of harm’s way prior to Hurricane Delta,” said Heinen. “However, they have been traveling from their home states to return and continue to help us in our restoration and reconstruction efforts. I’m incredibly grateful for all the extra help we have received.” JDEC has spent the last couple days ramping up their out-of-state crews back to the pre-Hurricane Delta numbers of over 700 personnel. JDEC employees have also spent the last several days assessing damages and make repairs to the system so the areas that could take power could be restored quickly. Now that the additional personnel are returning, JDEC plans to have crews working in all substation locations starting tomorrow.

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