

# JDEC Restores Power to a Third of Their Member-Consumers

## For Immediate Release

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**JENNINGS (September 5, 2020)**—Jeff Davis Electric Cooperative (JDEC) has been able to restore power to approximately 3,700 meters. The Tupper Substation in Allen Parish has been energized. This is approximately 639. North into the Coushatta Tribe, East Fuselier Cover; west from Elton Elementary School.

The Robbie Substation in Lake Arthur is being worked. We have been able to energize a section of those lines east on Bobby Road to south of Jennings, Martin Roy Road, and south to Lake Arthur and Andrus Cove. Approximately 650 meters.

All of Compton Substation located in Roanoke in Jeff Davis Parish has been energized. This is approximately 1764 meters. North to Litteral Road, east into Fuselier Cove; West towards Welsh, to Texas Treaters; East to Hathaway/N. Jennings

The Klondike Substation and all feeds have been energized. This includes north east 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); north west to North Highway 717; Lakeside Road. (Approximately 700 meters are energized in Vermillion Parish)

This is a complicated restoration because of the unprecedented severity of the storm and its impact on the high-voltage transmission system that serves the state, particularly in our area. We continue making progress to rebuild our system. We will maintain our full work crews over the Labor Day weekend and expect to bring power back online for our member-consumers that still do not have power.

JDEC also 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.

This holiday weekend, 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. Safety is always the top priority in any restoration effort. 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.

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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