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ICE STORM KNOCKS OUT POWER TO THOUSANDS OF SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY CUSTOMERS

Colman, S.D. – Approximately 2,400 Sioux Valley Energy customers were out of power as of 7:00 p.m. this evening. Most of the power outages being reported are south of Highway 14 in Minnehaha, Lake and Moody counties. The full extent of the damage to the electric cooperative's system is unknown but consumers have been reporting downed power lines and some broken poles.

“First we want to remind people to stay away from downed power lines. If you see a power line on the ground, especially if it's over a roadway—call your local electric utility,” Director of Communications and Government Relations, Carrie Law said.

Law added, “We anticipate that some of our members will likely be without power overnight. We will continue to take calls throughout the night, but to ensure safety, we will pull our line crew in so they can get some rest to be ready to start working early tomorrow morning,”

Sioux Valley Energy is posting outage updates on its website at www.siouxvalleyenergy.com. Members are also encouraged to follow Sioux Valley on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/siouxvalley>.

Sioux Valley Energy, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, is a customer owned-utility, providing reliable electric service at cost-based rates to over 20,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries in a seven-county area of east-central South Dakota and southwest Minnesota.

Website:

SIoux VALLEY ENERGY OUTAGE REPORT

Saturday, January 23, 2010

7:00 p.m.: Power has been restored to all Sioux Valley Energy customers!

2:30 p.m.: SVE lineworkers are making great progress, currently 372 customers are out of power. SVE hopes to have all customers back on by this evening.

6:30 a.m.: 1,100 customers are out of power this morning. Crews are being dispatched at 7 a.m. to begin restoration of power to those customers. SVE employees will also be assessing system damage this morning.

Friday, January 22, 2010

9:20 p.m.: 1,200 customers are out of power. Most of the outages are reported in western Lake and western Minnehaha counties along with scattered outages in other areas.

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8:00 p.m.: 2,400 customers are out of power. Most of the power outages being reported are south of Highway 14 in Minnehaha, Lake and Moody counties.

5:30 p.m.: 1,600 customers are out of power. The majority of the outages are in southern Lake county. There are scattered outages throughout the SVE territory. There are reports of some wires and poles down. [Please stay away from downed power lines.](#)

4:00 p.m.: 1,700 customers are out of power in southern Lake and southwest Moody counties.

3:30 p.m.: 209 customers are out of power. Outages still exist in western Lake and western Minnehaha counties, but there are some outages being reported near Brandon and Garretson.

2:40 p.m.: 114 customers are out of power due to frost and ice. The majority of the outages are occurring in western Lake and Minnehaha counties.