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TULSA, OK – Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), an agency of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), continues to make steady progress in its efforts to restore transmission lines in Arkansas and Missouri damaged during an ice storm on January 26-27, 2009.

Crews from North Houston Pole Line, TESCO, and Western Area Power Administration have joined Southwestern crews to restore nearly half of the 300 miles of high-voltage transmission lines knocked out-of-service by the storm.

Efforts in the past few days have focused on reconnecting the City of Piggott, Arkansas, to the electric grid. Piggott is currently using diesel generating units to serve load as it restores local distribution lines. Restoration of the Southwestern line connecting Piggott to the main grid is nearly complete.

Additional work continues on the Southwestern line that connects the City of Malden, Missouri to Piggott and the Southwestern line between Bull Shoals Dam and the Hilltop Switching Station near Marshall, Arkansas. Work to restore downed communications equipment has also been underway. The following tables show the latest transmission outage statistics.

Length of Line Restored		
Line Segment	Voltage	Length (miles)
Malden to Piggott	69-kV	2.0
Kennett to Piggott	69-kV	7.6
Sikeston to New Madrid	161-kV	22.6
Jonesboro to Water Valley	161-kV	35.4
Kennett to Paragould	161-kV	28.1
Paragould to Center Hill	161-kV	5.2
Bull Shoals Dam to Hilltop	161-kV	34.4
	Total	135.3

Length of Line Out of Service		
Line Segment	Voltage	Length (miles)
Malden to Piggott	69-kV	19.0
Kennett to Piggott	69-kV	4.0
New Madrid to Malden	69-kV	22.5
New Madrid to Kennett	161-kV	37.2
Dardanelle Dam to Hilltop	161-kV	63.6
Viola to China	69-kV	18.4
	Total	164.7

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Southwestern will continue to provide updates on its restoration efforts by e-mail and at www.swpa.gov as they become available.

Southwestern Power Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Energy. Its mission is to market and reliably deliver Federal hydroelectric power with preference to public bodies and cooperatives. This is accomplished by maximizing the use of Federal assets to repay the Federal investment and participating with other water resource users in an effort to balance their diverse interests with power needs within broad parameters set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and implementing public policy.