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TULSA, OK – A major segment of 161-kilovolt (kV) transmission line was returned to service around 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, as Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), an agency of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), continued its efforts to repair damage caused by a January 26-27, 2009 ice storm in Arkansas and Missouri that affected 300 miles of Southwestern’s 1,380-mile, high-voltage transmission system.

Southwestern Operations reported early February 11, 2009, that repairs to the line stretching from Dardanelle Dam, near Russellville, Arkansas, to the Hilltop Switching Station near Marshall, Arkansas, had been completed, and the 63.6 mile segment was energized and back in service.

With the repair of the line, a major transmission pathway for the region, from Dardanelle Dam to Bull Shoals Dam, is operational once again, and Southwestern crews and contractors can continue their efforts to repair the segments that remain out of service. 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
Dardanelle Dam to Hilltop	161-kV	63.6
	Total	198.9

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
Viola to China	69-kV	18.4
	Total	101.1

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.