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TULSA, OK – Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) announces the successful repair of a failed static wire on Southwestern’s transmission line between Kennett, Missouri, and Piggott, Arkansas, and the resumption of transmission service to the cities of Malden, Missouri, and Piggott after a two-hour outage Wednesday, March 4, 2009.

The transmission line between Kennett and Piggott was restored in mid-February following a January ice storm. After failure of the static wire on Wednesday, Southwestern had to secure the wire and then coordinate a scheduled outage of Malden and Piggott to make the necessary repairs.

Southwestern operations reports that the outage at Malden occurred from 3:39 p.m. through 5:16 p.m., and the outage at Piggott occurred from 3:35 p.m. through 5:25 p.m. “Our guys got everything back into service and there were no issues,” said Mike Wech, Southwestern’s Supervisory Power System Dispatcher.

Southwestern crews and contractors continue to make progress repairing Southwestern’s transmission lines in southeast Missouri which connect the cities of New Madrid and Kennett, and New Madrid and Malden. The cities are currently receiving electrical power through other transmission paths.

Length of Line Restored		
Line Segment	Voltage	Length (miles)
New Madrid to Kennett	161-kV	10.0
Malden to Piggott	69-kV	21.0
Kennett to Piggott	69-kV	11.6
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
Viola to China	69-kV	18.4
	Total	250.3

Length of Line Out of Service		
Line Segment	Voltage	Length (miles)
New Madrid to Malden	69-kV	22.5
New Madrid to Kennett	161-kV	27.2
	Total	49.7

Please see the next update on Southwestern’s restoration efforts on Monday, March 9, 2009.

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