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STATEMENT

By Sen. Rob Mayer Encouraging Electric Utilities to Combine Forces to Restore Service to Southeast Missouri Residents Still Without Power

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, today is strongly encouraging AmerenUE and several rural electric cooperatives that provide power to southeast Missouri communities to join efforts this week and pledge to restore electric service to the remaining thousands of southeast Missouri residents who are still without electric power following last week’s ice storm.

As of Monday, AmerenUE had restored service to all but 8,116 of approximately 34,000 customers and was expected to be fully restored in all 34 towns affected by the end of Wednesday (2/4). Similarly, area rural electric cooperatives have restored power to more than 48,000 customers located in several southeast Missouri counties, but 17,000 customers remain without power. Because of widespread damage, it could take more than two weeks before power is restored in several remote areas whose service is provided by rural electric cooperatives.

More than 3,000 linemen from AmerenUE, the rural electric cooperatives and many recruited from nearby states are currently working to restore electric service to southeast Missouri. Senator Mayer is urging utility service personnel involved in the storm recovery efforts to remain until the vital task is completed.

“The response by our electric utilities following this paralyzing storm has been tremendous, but because we still have several thousand southeast Missouri residents with power, many of whom are likely to remain without power for some time without additional assistance, I am urging all of the electric utilities involved in this massive storm recovery effort to do whatever is necessary to expedite service to these individuals and families.”

-Sen. Rob Mayer

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