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## *Number of Corn Belt Energy members remaining without power continues to decrease*

**BLOOMINGTON, IL — Wednesday, December 30, 2015**— As crews continue to work day and night, the number of members remaining without power continues to decrease. “We have made significant progress today,” said Ryan Campbell, Manager of Construction & Maintenance.

Less than 525 members remain without power thanks to the hard work of Corn Belt Energy crews and crews from eight other cooperatives (Adams Electric Cooperative, Clay Electric Co-operative, Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, EnerStar Electric Cooperative, Jo-Carroll Energy, and Menard Electric Cooperative) as well crews from the City of Geneseo and City of Princeton.

When asked about the storm damage, Campbell said, “We are continually finding broken poles, wires down and tree damage. One of the most frustrating things about this particular outage is arriving on scene and expecting to replace one pole and finding four other poles that need to be replaced.”

Time estimates on remaining outages are unknown as a lot of damage remains in flooded areas and private right-of-ways. “We truly appreciate our members’ patience,” remarked Campbell.

Corn Belt Energy encourages members to check on neighbors who may be without power, especially the elderly and those with physical limitations. We urge members who are concerned about prolonged outages to find an alternative location to stay such as a relative or friend’s home or a local warming center.

We encourage members to contact us at 1-800-879-0339 to report power outages and downed lines or poles.

As a reminder, people should not go near any downed power lines, downed poles, or trees near lines. To check for outage updates, members can call 1-800-879-0339 or use their cell phone to view outage updates at [www.cornbeltenergy.com](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com) or on Facebook or Twitter.

### **About Corn Belt Energy**

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity to over 35,000 households and businesses throughout 18 counties. One of the largest cooperatives in Illinois, Corn Belt Energy employs 85 people, maintains over 5,000 miles of line, and distributes electricity from the Wabash Valley Power Association, a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indiana. As a not-for-profit energy cooperative, Corn Belt Energy is owned by the members it serves and is committed to providing reliable, affordable energy. Governed by 13 directors who are themselves residential members, Corn Belt also supports energy efficiency, education, and safety initiatives. Learn more at [www.cornbeltenergy.com](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com).

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Corn Belt Energy lineman, Adam Brendsel, sets a new pole knee deep in near freezing water and mud.*