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### *Corn Belt Energy expects power to be restored by early evening*

**BLOOMINGTON, IL — Thursday, December 31, 2015**— Almost all members in our central region now have power restored and less than 100 members remain without power in our northern region. “We expect to have all members back on by early evening today,” said Steve Hancock, Vice President of Electric Distribution.

“We appreciate our members patience. Many of the outages remaining impact individual and small groups of members but require several hours of repair work prior to restoration. For example, one of the line sections that is without power has 12 broken poles and only feeds two members,” stated Hancock.

Corn Belt Energy crews who have been working in our central region have been sent to assist in our northern region along with four cooperatives (Adams Electric Cooperative, Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, Jo-Carroll Energy, and Menard Electric Cooperative) as well as two other utilities (City of Geneseo and City of Princeton).

We encourage members to contact us at 1-800-879-0339 to report power outages, partial power, 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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