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Winter storm outages have been restored

BLOOMINGTON, IL —Thursday, November 29, 2018 — Crews restored power to all members in the Corn Belt Energy service territory as of 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, after a winter storm earlier this week producing high winds, ice, and snow leaving thousands of Corn Belt Energy members without power.

“The aftermath of the storm caused extensive damage within Corn Belt Energy’s service territory including several substations, over 25 broken poles, broken cross arms and downed lines. A substantial amount of the damage was located in areas with limited accessibility due to poor road conditions or private right-of-ways making restoration times prolonged,” said Don Taylor, President and CEO of Corn Belt Energy.

Corn Belt Energy thanks our members for their patience, and the media for helping us keep our members and the public updated on our progress. Corn Belt Energy appreciates the assistance of township commissioners and law enforcement for providing information and traffic management.

We would like to thank the outside utilities for expeditiously providing personnel and equipment. “We are grateful to have the assistance of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, the City of Geneseo and the City of Princeton,” remarked Taylor.

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





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About Corn Belt Energy

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity to over 36,000 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.

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