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SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT OUTAGE UPDATE

Southern Power District reports that there are about 4,000 SPD customers that remain without power. Most of these outages are comprised of Southern's rural customers, and most of these outages will be restored over the next several weeks.

Progress has continued across the district, but restoration will be slow as crews work in rural areas. In some areas, crews will be making permanent repairs to lines that were previously fixed on a temporary basis. As these repairs are made during the next several months, it is possible that power will be disrupted for a short time to allow for repair work. Customers who experience a new outage are encouraged to check with neighbors to see if they also are experiencing an outage, and to contact Southern if power is not restored within an hour, at 1-888-484-2470.

There are now about 300 additional linemen providing assistance to Southern's regular staff of over 50 linemen. About 160 of these men are located in the Holdrege Service Area, where the greatest damages have occurred.

Southern has established a toll free informational number for customers. This number will feature a daily recording of progress made throughout the district, but is not a line for reporting outages or for contact with customer service representatives. That number is 1-800-652-9809.

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