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**SOUTHERN POWER OUTLINES DAMAGE,
AND RESTORATION FOR DISTRICT**

At a press conference held today, SPD President/CEO Gary Hedman reported that there are 3,245 outages throughout the district, with over one-third of those outages being in Phelps and Kearney Counties. These areas also contain the largest number of broken poles, amounting to 2,495 poles, compared to 6,352 district-wide.

To date, over \$19 million worth of materials have been purchased to rebuild facilities. Southern's current estimated cost for power restoration is anticipated to be \$65,000,000 or more. A complete packet of information from today's press conference can be found on the front page of Southern's website at www.southernpd.com.

CEO Hedman also said that the continued length of outages will vary for every customer, but would likely be several weeks before some customers see power restored.

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