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## **Duck River Electric Crews Head To Kentucky For Ice Storm Restoration**

Three three-man crews and a team leader from Duck River Electric Membership Corporation left Tennessee Tuesday afternoon headed for Mayfield, KY to assist West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative with power restoration efforts following their recent ice storm.

Equipped with three aerial bucket trucks the crews will be working in the Mayfield, KY area to assist in the restoration of electric service to the cooperative's 38,000 members. As of Wednesday morning more than 28,000 of the cooperative's members were without power as was much of western Kentucky.

According to DREMC President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Allison, the request for assistance was received on Tuesday, January 27 and was coordinated through the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association. Charles McDonald, DREMC's Director of Member Services, assembled the crews from volunteer employees from throughout the cooperative's service area following an assessment of local weather conditions to insure not jeopardizing manpower needs locally. "We are glad to respond to requests for assistance such as this," explained Allison. "You never know when it might be Duck River Electric putting out the call for assistance following a tornado or ice

storm. We've never failed to receive assistance from other cooperatives when we've asked for help in the past and we have an obligation to respond when we receive requests to assist others," he noted.

Responding from DREMC, under the leadership of team leader Charles McDonald are Tim Lusk, line foreman from Manchester; Bryan Seals and Seth Warf, linemen from Lewisburg; Tommy Campbell and Bryan Burton linemen from Decherd; Jeff Hockaday, line foreman and Heath Nave, lineman from Shelbyville; Timmy Orrell, lineman foreman and Greg McGee, lineman from Lynchburg.



Helping in the power restoration efforts are Duck River Electric Membership Employees (from left) Heath Nave, Shelbyville; Seth Warf, Lewisburg; Jeff Hockaday, Shelbyville; Greg McGee, Lynchburg; Tim Lusk, Manchester; Tommy Campbell, Decherd; Bryan Burton, Decherd; Timmy Orrell, Lynchburg; and Bryan Seals, Lewisburg.

Electric cooperatives throughout the United States have pre-arranged emergency operating agreements which expedite the response of emergency restoration crews and assures that each cooperative that responds will be reimbursed for all costs and expenses related to its response.

“At this time we are not sure exactly how long the DREMC crews will be deployed. We will continue to monitor the success of their response and will replace the original responders with fresh crews if needed,” Allison explained.