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Press Release

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Power Outage - February 1st, 2016

A snow storm moving through the area last night interrupted electrical service from Dove Creek, Colorado to Monticello, Utah. The power outage was caused by severe wind. The wind snapped cross arms attached to power poles and caused other damage. Blizzard-like conditions made circumstances more difficult, but power in Monticello was restored in just less than 8 hours.

A snow storm affected power in Cahone, Dove Creek, and Monticello starting at approximately 9:00pm, Feb. 1st, 2016. Due to the location of the damage, electrical power was restored to all Empire Electric's members in Colorado by 12:00am, Feb. 2nd. All of our members in Monticello and the surrounding area had power restored by 4:48am, February 2nd.

We would like to thank those who were affected by the outage for their patience. We would also like to thank all the hard work and coordinating efforts of the San Juan County Sheriff's Office and San Juan County Medical personnel.

Storms create unexpected dangers. Remember if you see downed power lines or a broken pole or cross arm, keep clear of the area and notify authorities of the situation. If you're in your car and notice a situation like this, remain in your car and notify the police.

For tips on how you can protect your property and increase your knowledge on what to do if you experience a power outage, you're encouraged to view our website at www.eea.coop.

Our Mission: To safely and responsibly provide reliable electricity based on our core values.

About Empire Electric Association

Seventy-five years ago Empire Electric's objectives were simple: to generate and/or purchase and distribute electric energy to its members. The Cooperative was formed without any purpose of direct gain or profit to itself. The original members were the rural farmers and ranchers and rural businesses in Montezuma and Dolores Counties in Colorado, and in parts of San Juan County in Utah. On May 5, 1941 our records indicate the first line construction project was completed and 264 brand new members received electric utility service in their homes for the very first time.

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