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ICE AND SNOW RESULTED IN POWER OUTAGES AFFECTING SOUTHERN HURON COUNTY

NEW LONDON, February 18, 2022 @ 9:15AM — As of 8:30 a.m., Firelands Electric Cooperative reported that all power outages had been restored following Thursday evening's storm, which left the region covered in heavy ice and snow.

During the height of the storm on Thursday evening, Firelands was fortunate that their distribution system did not experience any power outages resulting from the conditions. However, at approximately 10:05 p.m., First Energy/Ohio Edison's Wellington-Hanville transmission line experienced damage. This transmission line supplies power to Firelands Electric's Fitchville, New London, and Steuben substations, and the co-op's Nova metering point, which deliver power to approximately 4,000 Firelands member-consumers located in or near southern Huron County.

First Energy/Ohio Edison crews worked to back feed power from another transmission source, which restored power to Firelands Electric's three substations and one metering point around midnight.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., Firelands Electric located damage to a portion of its distribution system that resulted in a loss of power for approximately 45 member-consumers located near US Highway 250, and Murray and Hartland Center roads in Huron County. Firelands' line crews worked throughout the night and into the morning hours addressing this equipment damage and were able to fully restore power by 8:30AM this morning.

Please use extreme caution while traveling during and after storms. Notify emergency officials as well as Firelands Electric Cooperative of any downed power lines within the cooperative's service territory. Remain informed on the latest information, which can be accessed through the cooperative's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FirelandsElectric> and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Firelands>.

PROVIDED PHOTO: Firelands Electric's pole damage that caused an early morning power outage for approximately 45 of its member-consumers located in Huron County, which was fully restored by 8:30AM this morning. (Photo courtesy of Journeyman Lineman Chris Rowland)

PROVIDED VIDEO: Firelands Electric's Journeyman Lineman Evan Clemons captured video of the cooperative's ice-covered lines moving in the wind, which caused a galloping effect on the distribution system.

