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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 3/23/2020:

NECESSARY ROAD WORK WILL RESULT IN SEVERAL PLANNED POWER OUTAGES

(NEW LONDON, OH) — Firelands Electric Cooperative will be performing line work in conjunction with a Huron County road project that will result in two separate planned outages on different days next week. Those members affected by the planned outages will receive a mailed postcard from the cooperative.

FITCHVILLE RIVER ROAD PROJECT

Monday, March 30, work will result in an interruption of power affecting about 160 of the cooperative's consumer-members located in portions of Fitchville, Clarksfield, and Hartland townships of Huron County. The planned power outage is expected to begin around 8:00 AM and last approximately 4 hours. Firelands' crews will be transferring a portion of power loads, which will minimize the length of the outage and number of cooperative members affected by the Huron County road project. In the event of inclement weather, the F14 project will be rescheduled for Tuesday, March 31.

RIDGE ROAD PROJECT

Wednesday, April 1, work will result in an interruption of power affecting about 160 of the cooperative's consumer-members located in portions of Fitchville, Clarksfield, and Hartland townships of Huron County. The planned power outage is expected to begin around 8:00 AM and last approximately 4 hours. Firelands' crews will be transferring a portion of power loads, which will minimize the length of the outage and number of cooperative members affected by the Huron County road project. In the event of inclement weather, the F14 project will be rescheduled for Thursday, March 26.

3/26/20 UPDATE! The planned outage scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, will NOT take place, because Firelands' crews completed the necessary work on Thursday, March 26. This was a result of contractors working for Huron County on the Ridge Road Bridge Replacement Project moved up deadlines, forcing the co-op's crews to complete the work early. The ideal weather conditions that day (with no rain) permitted Firelands' linemen to complete the project with power lines remaining energized while they worked. The cooperative apologizes for any confusion and asks members to please disregard the postcard that has been mailed to them. Thank you!

Firelands Electric is dedicated to providing its members with reliable electric service. "We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we assist Huron County with this project," says Firelands' General Manager Dan McNaull. "We apologize for any inconvenience, and realize the timing is not ideal considering the recent crisis affecting our nation."

The cooperative encourages members with sensitive electronic equipment and computers to shut off their devices when not being used, and have some type of surge protection or battery backup in place. As a reminder, outage updates are posted on Firelands' website, www.FirelandsEC.com, [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed.

Firelands Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy Partner, is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility serving more than 9,100 homes and businesses in rural areas of Ashland, Huron, Lorain, and Richland counties that ranks among the highest energy utilities in the country for customer satisfaction. Visit the cooperative's website, www.firelandsec.com, [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#), to learn more about reliable and affordable power.

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