

Lineworkers Assist to Restore Power in Neighboring Communities

Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services (FMCS) received a call on January 25 asking for help in restoring power to the Sac County REC System, located west of Fort Dodge, IA. This small electric distribution system was hit with an ice storm and had an estimated 200 poles down. FMCS dispatched two linemen to assist in the storm recovery efforts. As of Sunday afternoon, January 24, Sac County REC had the help of 30 outside linemen working with their crews to restore power.

On January 29, FMCS sent an additional crew of two linemen to assist with winter storm recovery work in South Dakota. They are working at the Cam Wal Electric Cooperative in Shelby.

When disaster strikes, and public health & safety are on the line, this “restoration of power in emergency” mutual-aid arrangement provides additional manpower and equipment to speed up the recovery/rebuilding efforts. FMCS has been the beneficiary of such assistance in the past and is happy to be able to provide help to other cooperatives in their time of need. Labor costs and expenses are covered by the cooperative requesting assistance.