



# Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative

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## **Power Restoration Ongoing After The Storm**

**MARION, Iowa – August 12, 2020, 8:00 am** – As crews resume power restoration efforts this morning, 17,000 members remain without power. Linn County REC line crews are continuing to work on the damage to our distribution system. Over 200 poles and more than 75 miles of power line were damaged from Monday's storm.

Power was restored to 2,000 member consumers in our northern service territory when transmission lines were energized. 15 of our 39 substations now have power. Restoration in other areas will not take place until the power supply comes back on. Crews from Missouri and northern Iowa are assisting us with repairs.

While no exact time can be set for completion of this work, restoring power will take time as crews are dealing with clearing debris and replacing broken poles. Since the damage to our system is so widespread, we are anticipating an extended outage period for our members. Therefore, please prepare if you have not done so already.

As a safety reminder, we are urging everyone to stay away from downed power lines and move over if you see utility crews working along the side of the road.

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