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CWLP LINE CREWS ASSISTING AREA UTILITIES

This morning City Water, Light and Power (CWLP) dispatched seven line crews to assist three area utility companies with their power restoration efforts this morning. Crews are assisting Corn Belt Energy, based out of Bloomington; Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative (RECC), based out of Auburn, which serves rural areas south and east of Springfield; and Ameren in its Palmyra service area. Tuesday night CWLP crews assisted Ameren in the Virden area.

CWLP Chief Utilities Engineer Eric Hobbie said Springfield was fortunate to have few power outages. "We were very fortunate to not have a lot of the ice and system stresses that other area utilities have endured with this storm," he said. "As other utilities have stepped in to assist Springfield in our past storm recovery efforts, it's time for us to again provide the needed support to help our neighboring agencies get power restored to their customers as quickly as possible."

Through mutual aid agreements, three, two-man crews went to Corn Belt Energy; one, three-man crew went to RECC; and one three-man crew and two, one-man crews went to Ameren. Under the mutual aid agreement through the American Public Power Association and Ameren, the utilities receiving assistance will pay the salaries and expenses of the workers, all of whom volunteered for the assignment. Mutual aid agreements are common for response to storms and other disasters that wreak havoc on electric systems.

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