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### **EAST TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES HOST UTILITY BRIEFING WITH LEGISLATORS**

AUSTIN -- East Texas Electric Cooperative (ETEC) today hosted a utility restoration briefing for area legislators and their staffs via conference call to share current status and plans for restoration of power in areas serviced by ETEC and its member cooperatives.

The discussion was designed to keep participants informed about progress being made in the areas affected by Hurricane Ike. Each of the ten cooperatives reported on outages, current issues, and plans for restoring power throughout the area.

State Representative Jim McReynolds spoke eloquently of his appreciation for the hard work and diligence by crewmembers in these difficult circumstances. "How I appreciate the electric cooperatives' efforts in the recovery from Hurricane Ike. I know we have miles to go before we sleep; however I have full assurance that our electric cooperatives will continue to work night and day until all meters are back online for their customers," said Rep. McReynolds.

ETEC is made up of 10 not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives: Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative, Cherokee County Electric Cooperative, Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Houston County Electric Cooperative, Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative, Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative, Rusk County Electric Cooperative, Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Upshur-Rural Electric Cooperative and Wood County Electric Cooperative. ETEC's mission is to provide low cost, reliable power to its members.

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