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An Update from Newnan Utilities on Power Outages

Newnan Utilities' crews, linemen, staff and leadership as well as electric utility workers from around Georgia and Alabama have been working around the clock to restore power to Newnan Utilities' 10,000 electric customers. The devastation from the storms is like nothing we have encountered in our history of serving Newnan and Coweta County. Our hearts go out to all the citizens of Newnan and our prayers will continue.

We want to assure customers that we will not rest until all power has been restored. There are several areas that were hit harder than others, and we want to explain why power has been restored in some areas and why it will take longer to restore power in the harder hit areas.

Randy Griffith of Newnan Utilities reports that on March 26th, 6,500 of our 10,000 electric customers were without power. As of today, there are approximately 2,000 without power. Some of the hardest hit areas are Boone Drive, LaGrange Street, Woodbine subdivision, Greenville Street, East Broad Street, Savannah Street and Bailey Drive. In these harder hit areas, it will take approximately a week to restore power.

"We have entire neighborhoods needing a complete rebuild. Georgia Power has mobilized 50 line and construction trucks to help in the hardest hit areas and wherever else they are needed. Right now, the primary focus is repairing the main feeders that support secondary feeders that supply electricity to homes and businesses. The process is complicated and is not a quick fix; however, we are working to restore power to all customers as quickly as possible," Randy Griffith, Superintendent of Electrical Services at Newnan Utilities.

We apologize for the disruption of service as a result of the storms. We truly appreciate the patience and understanding of our customers and the community as our crews work to restore power and clean up downed powerlines and debris. We encourage everyone to keep off the roads so that the public safety workers and our crews can clear the roads of trees, powerlines, and debris as quickly as possible.

"I've never seen such devastation in our community. The cooperation between people that need help and those who can give help is humbling. It simply warms my heart," Dennis McEntire, General Manager of Newnan Utilities. "We are very fortunate to be a part of ECG (Electric Cities of Georgia).

Within hours of the storm electrical crews from around our state and Alabama were on their way to Newnan. Our Friends at Georgia Power are sending a significant workforce today to help Newnan Utilities get power on as quickly as possible. I will be giving more details later on those that are assisting our great Newnan Utilities team.”

We extend our deepest gratitude to all of the crews from other utilities (All members of ECG – Electric Cities of Georgia) for working shoulder-to-shoulder with our Newnan Utilities crews to respond to the devastation as quickly as possible. Thank you to the City of Griffin, City of Monroe, City of Covington, City of Cartersville, City of Acworth, City of Marietta, City of Albany, City of West Point, City of East Point, Deep South Contractors, City of LaGrange, City of Dalton, City of Opelika, Alabama, City of East Point, Pirkle Contractors, City of Calhoun, City of Norcross, Georgia Power, City of Troy, Alabama, and Pike Electric. Additionally, many local businesses and individuals in our community have gone above and beyond supporting our crews and lending support to our staff by providing supplies, equipment, food and other essentials, and we are forever grateful.

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