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TULSA, OK – Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) announces the successful repair of a failed crossarm on the transmission line between the cities of Malden, Missouri, and Piggott, Arkansas, after a one hour and thirty-one minute planned outage to the city of Malden on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

The transmission line between Malden and Piggott was restored in mid-February following a January ice storm. After failure of the crossarm, which was reported by Southwestern operations staff on Monday, March 9, 2009, Southwestern coordinated a scheduled outage of Malden to make the necessary repairs.

Southwestern Operations reports that the outage at Malden occurred from 3:40 p.m. through 5:11 p.m., and the city used its own power generation and distribution system to provide power locally during the outage.

Southwestern crews and contractors continue to make steady progress repairing ice-damaged transmission lines connecting New Madrid, Missouri, to Malden, and New Madrid to Kennett, Missouri.

Length of Line Restored		
Line Segment	Voltage	Length (miles)
Malden to Piggott	69-kV	21.0
New Madrid to Malden	69-kV	10.0
New Madrid to Kennett	161-kV	20.0
Kennett to Piggott	69-kV	11.6
Sikeston to New Madrid	161-kV	22.6
Jonesboro to Water Valley	161-kV	35.4
Kennett to Paragould	161-kV	28.1
Paragould to Center Hill	161-kV	5.2
Bull Shoals Dam to Hilltop	161-kV	34.4
Dardanelle Dam to Hilltop	161-kV	63.6
Viola to China	69-kV	18.4
	Total	270.3

Length of Line Out of Service		
Line Segment	Voltage	Length (miles)
New Madrid to Malden	69-kV	12.5
New Madrid to Kennett	161-kV	17.2
	Total	29.7

Please see the next update on Southwestern’s restoration efforts on Monday, March 23, 2009.

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