

Monroe County Electric Power Association Awarded More Than \$1.5 Million

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MADISON, Miss. – FEMA has approved \$1,526,222 to reimburse the Monroe County Electric Power Association for emergency protective measures following the March 24-25, 2023, severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes.

Monroe County Electric Power Association is responsible for providing electrical services to its members, who suffered power outages from the storm. Poles, crossarms, switches, transformers, breakers, conductive wires, and other accessories were damaged or destroyed.

Monroe County Electric Power Association supported restoration of power to the service area:

- 88 electric power poles replaced.
- 22 electric transformers replaced.
- 23 electric meters replaced.
- 1,243 linear feet of service wire replaced.
- 25,200 linear feet of wire repaired.

Monroe County Electric Power Association also utilized contractors and mutual aid labor:

- 108 electric power poles replaced.
- 26 electric transformers replaced.
- 28 electric meters replaced.
- 1,520 linear feet of service wire replaced.
- 64,940 linear feet of fiber cable replaced.
- 30,620 linear feet of wire repaired.



FEMA authorized the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to select a 100% federal cost share period for emergency protective measures for a continuous 30-day period of the state's choosing within the first 120 days of the event. MEMA chose March 24 to April 23, 2023. As the work costs fell within this period, the federal cost share reimbursement for this work is 100%.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants for state and local governments and certain nonprofit organizations to reimburse the eligible cost of debris removal, emergency protective measures and facility restoration.

For the latest information on recovery from the March tornadoes, visit msema.org and www.fema.gov/disaster/4697. On X/Twitter follow MEMA [@MSEMA](https://twitter.com/MSEMA) and FEMA Region 4 [@femaregion4](https://twitter.com/femaregion4).

