More Than \$2.6 Million Approved for Southern Pine Electric Power Association

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MADISON, Miss. – FEMA has approved \$2,688,078 to reimburse the Southern Pine Electric Power Association for damage to its power distribution system following the June 14-19, 2023, severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes.

Following the June 2023 tornadoes, Southern Pine Electric Power Association used its own personnel and mutual aid to complete the restoration of the power distribution system back to its pre-disaster design, function and capacity. Following the June 2023 tornadoes, the power association received damage to:

- 100,741 conductors
- 1,169 insulators
- 229 poles
- 165 anchors
- 117 ground rods
- 108 transformers
- 73 cutouts
- 66 arrestors
- Six plate poles

FEMA's <u>Public Assistance program</u> provides 75% grant reimbursement to local and state government agencies for the costs of emergency response, debris removal and restoration of disaster-damaged public facilities and infrastructure. The Public Assistance program is funded by FEMA and administered by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

For the latest information on recovery from the June tornadoes, visit <u>msema.org</u> and <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4727</u>. On X/Twitter follow MEMA <u>@MSEMA</u> and FEMA Region 4 <u>@femaregion4</u>.

