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### HOLLAND BPW ENERGY CREW ASSIST IN RESTORING POWER TO KENTUCKY REGION

HOLLAND, MI., February 12, 2009 – Holland BPW linecrew members George Moeke and David Van Dyke left last week to provide outage restoration assistance in the Owensboro, KY vicinity. The 14-county area served by Kenergy, an electric distribution cooperative, had in excess of 42,000 customers without power, following what has been described as the worst ice storm in the history of the state.

Holland BPW sent the two linemen with associated equipment, including a line truck and a mini derrick machine. Since their arrival, Moeke and Van Dyke have joined 1,000 other crew members in drilling and setting poles during 14-hour days.

The HBPW electric crew members have previously assisted with outage restoration after large storms in other parts of Michigan. According to Bill Bush, electric transmission & distribution superintendent, “We try to help out when requested and if we are able to provide staffing and equipment.”

Significant progress has been made, with approximately 31,000 customers now with power. However, winds and rain have slowed work. Kenergy reports that as of February 12, there are still in excess of 2,500 broken poles. HBPW crew members are expected to continue their efforts for another week.

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Pictured, left to right: Holland BPW line crew members George Moeke and David Van Dyke.