#### **Storm Restoration**









#### Overview

- Storms
  - How we prepare
  - How we react
  - How we restore
- Restoration Activities
- Restoration Resources
- Recent storm restorations



# What causes storm related outages?

#### High wind gusts or sustained winds

- Trees and limbs blowing into or falling onto Ameren overhead lines
- Blowing debris
- Tornadoes





#### Ice and snow

- Heavy ice or snow accumulating on power lines causing overload from weight
- Trees becoming heavy with ice and snow and falling into overhead power lines

# How we prepare

- Continuous storm training
- Quantum Weather
- Weather Monitoring
- Pre-event notifications and stand-by



#### How we react



- Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Call co-workers to respond
- Assess number and types of outages
- Identify system damage
- Identify hardest hit areas

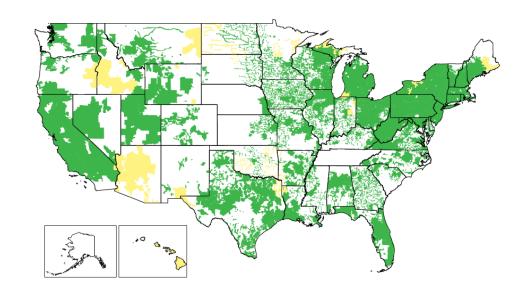
# Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- Centralized command structure
- Optimize resource coordination
- Coordinate assistance from other utilities
- Interface with Public Service Commission, media outlets and communities



#### Mutual Assistance

- Member of the EEI
  Midwest Utility Mutual
  Assistance group
- Work with over 35 other utility companies with 4800 associated line resources
- Pre-arranged agreements to speed movement of mutual assistance aid to restoration efforts
- Distribute mutual assistance resources throughout restoration area.



# What does it take to get customers restored?

- Perform damage assessment
- Perform switching to restore some customers quickly
- Complete work that will have the biggest impact on the most customers first (circuit outages)
- Repair smaller, more isolated outages
- Repair single outages
- Non-outage related work (wires down, but lights still on etc.)



#### Communicating with customers

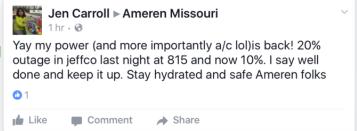
Press conferences with frequent customer updates





Interactive outage map

Customer interaction using social media





#### **Receive Outage Alerts**

Keep updated on your outage status with an alert. (more)

Various customer options to receive information



24 Hour Customer Care

Working with communities and critical customers



# Logistics

- Work with area hotels to accommodate employees and outside resources working away from home
- Work with local business to assemble staging sites in large parking lots
- Provide overnight truck fueling and truck parking





### Logistics



#### Meals:

- Feed employees at their location or near damage to reduce delays in restoration and help co-workers stay engaged throughout restoration:
  - Breakfasts in hotels and work headquarter
  - Boxed lunches delivered to job sites and provided to employees prior to beginning the days work
  - Dinner in hotels and works headquarters

### Objectives

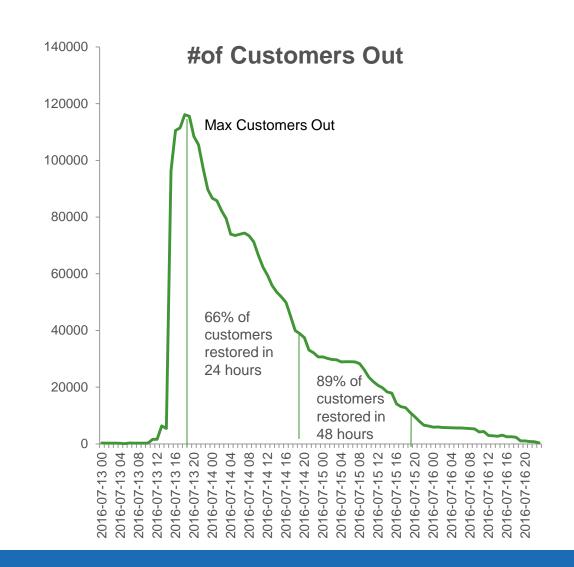
- Safety of our co-workers, contractors and the public
- Communications
- Most effective effort
  - Restore as many customers as quickly as possible
  - Most cost effective use of our resources
  - Keep restoration resources engaged by providing materials and logistics on site





# Recent Storms – July 13th

- 40 mph sustained winds for up to 3 minutes at a time with gusts of up to 57 mph
- Customer outages peaked at 116,118.
- Restoration completed with no safety incidents
- 78 hours until last customer restored
- Approximately 100 poles damaged and repaired
- 168,420 feet of wire (32 miles) replaced
- Approximately 200 cross arms broken and replaced



### Recent Storms – July 13<sup>th</sup>

- 855 linemen, including 326 from outside utilities
- Resources brought in from mutual assistance partners from Missouri Co-Ops, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Kansas City Power & Light
- 1800 employees engaged
- 5 separate staging sites at local business parking lots
- 14,571 meals provided to improve resource efficiency
- 2,300 beds
- 20,827 gallons of fuel delivered to trucks overnight for efficiency







Resource coordinators working from large auditorium

# Questions?

