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Lightning arrestor in City of Lakefield substation causes power outage for Federated members served by the Wilder substation

(JACKSON, MN) — About 574 Federated Rural Electric members served by the Wilder substation, plus the City of Lakefield, lost power around 11:53 a.m. Friday, February 6. The co-op members affected were in northern Jackson County. Power was restored around 2:08 p.m.

A lightning arrestor failed in the City of Lakefield's substation, knocking out the transmission line feed to Federated's Wilder substation. When this lightning arrestor failed, it caused the hot transmission line to go to ground, tripping the breaker in the Lakefield Junction substation.

"Federated thanks our members for their patience, as we worked through a large outage caused by a transmission line being out of service due to a failed arrestor," said Federated's Operations Manager Mort VanDeVere.

"We understand the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding, while the power was being restored."

Federated is a Touchstone Energy cooperative serving more than 5,300 members in Jackson and Martin Counties.

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