

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 25, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Amy Byers, Director of Marketing

615-494-0407

AByers@medtn.com

MED system holds strong during winter storm

MURFREESBORO — This weekend's winter storm kept many Murfreesboro residents indoors, with some areas getting nearly six inches of snow. But while other electricity providers in the region had crews working through the night to restore outages that impacted thousands of customers, MED's system weathered the storm almost completely unaffected.

"We had fewer than a dozen outages from Friday morning through Monday morning," says Director of Operations Jackie Whitaker. "It was just minor damage and routine outages you have on a system this large."

General Manager Steve Sax credited the system's resilience to smart planning.

"Thanks to MED's dedication to proper maintenance and tree trimming, our system remained stable while others were challenged," he said.

Over the last six years, MED has replaced hundreds of poles, putting money back into the system to keep it reliable. The department has also invested in underground utilities that are less susceptible to damage during storms.

Even routine tree trimming provides regular maintenance to ensure equipment works the way it should, and keeps tree limbs from getting in the way of power lines during rough weather.

"MED is always looking for new and better ways to make our system more reliable," says Director of Marketing Amy Byers. "Our customers need to feel safe, especially when storms hit, and know their hometown power company has their back."

For more information on MED, please visit murfreesboroelectric.com.

###