

**ENERGY**

**RURAL ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVES  
RECOVERS FROM ICE  
STORMS**



CASE STUDY | CLIENT CONFIDENTIAL

**SEVERE ICE STORMS HIT IOWA,  
DOWNING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION  
LINES**

**CHALLENGE**

When severe ice storms hit Iowa, electric transmission lines managed by three rural electrical cooperatives and one municipal utility were compromised. After these ice storms pummeled the area, all four utilities qualified for FEMA funds to support emergency repairs to communities in dangerous conditions. However, financial support for permanent restoration was denied.

**SOLUTION**

We were asked to help appeal FEMA's determination of funding eligibility for these four utilities. Witt O'Brien's worked closely with utility leaders and legal counsel to review FEMA policy and precedent, and to develop, document and submit the appeals to FEMA.

**RESILIENCE DELIVERED**

Our team proved to be essential to the client and the local communities affected. All four appeals we helped develop were successful and the applicants were reimbursed by FEMA for nearly \$20 million in electric transmission line restoration costs. Our experts achieved their goal while also aiding training for utility leaders on how to respond to any future negative policy experiences.

**WITH YOU WHEN IT COUNTS**



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Energy companies that are prepared for disruption consistently outperform those that try to respond on the fly. That's where we come in. We partner with you to identify the "ifs" and prepare for the "whens."

Our effectiveness is built on deep experience. We've managed thousands of incidents, large and small.

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