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Subject: Farm equipment contacts electric lines

The boom of a farm sprayer made contact with a 69-kilovolt electric transmission line about 10 a.m. Thursday in Cherokee County.

No one was injured in the incident which interrupted electric service to some members of Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative in the area for two to eight minutes. Service was disrupted at the Larrabee and Afton substations in the transmission system of Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative and ILEC, as well as at the Sutherland substation of MidAmerican Energy and at the Paullina Municipal substation.

Electric service was back to normal by 10:44 a.m. Thursday.

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