

**Office of Governor Brad Henry**  
State of Oklahoma  
State Capitol – Oklahoma City OK 73105  
405-521-2342



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- 2/17/2009

## **Gov. Henry Says Public Assistance Granted for Four Counties Hit by Ice Storms**

Oklahoma City – Gov. Brad Henry announced today that the White House has approved his request for public assistance for four Oklahoma counties hit hard by January ice storms.

As a result, local governments and rural electric cooperatives in Adair, Cherokee, Delaware and Hughes counties can receive federal funding for infrastructure repairs, debris removal and costs associated with responding to the storm.

Gov. Henry made the request on Feb. 10. In those four counties alone, the ice storm resulted in an estimated \$7.3 million in infrastructure damage and response costs.

“I am thankful for President Obama’s quick response,” the Governor said. “This has been a particularly difficult winter for many Oklahoma communities, and so this public assistance will be especially helpful as communities continue with their recovery efforts.”

Other counties can be added to the request as additional damages are identified.

###

Contact: Michelann Ooten, Department of Emergency Management (405) 205-1879

**RECEIVED**

**FEB 17 2009**

**OKLAHOMA  
EMERG. MGMT.**