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Jackson Purchase Energy linemen Joseph Cornwell, Chad Culp, Terry Doublin, Jim Evrard and Eric Todd along with JPEC apprentice linemen, Dustin Groves, Robby Smith and John Sutton recently participated in the Second Annual Kentucky Linemen's Rodeo. The event, held in Winchester, KY, gives linemen the opportunity to exhibit their talent, speed and safety skills in this highly respected, dangerous profession.

The linemen competed in various events demonstrating techniques that, to some, would seem acrobatic, but for a lineman are simply part of the skill of the job. The judging criteria for all Linemen's Rodeo activities include speed and quality, but are heavily weighted toward following rigorous safety procedures.

Sutton took the top prize for the Three-Phase Tie In event in the apprentice flight and ranked second overall in the apprentice category.

JPEC's Journeyman Team of Culp, Evrard and Cornwell placed sixth overall.

The Linemen's Rodeo is an annual event and will be held in Paducah in 2009.

The Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives produces the Kentucky Linemen's Rodeo.

Jackson Purchase Energy is not-for-profit cooperative electric utility serving 30,000 member-owners in six counties of far western Kentucky.