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Hurricane Help Heads to Florida

Rock Linemen Join Relief Convoy

Two linemen from Rock Energy Cooperative joined crews from 17 other Wisconsin energy cooperatives to help rebuild Florida's shattered electric systems in the wake of Hurricane Irma's devastation.

More than 50 Wisconsin co-op employees, including Justin Busfield of Janesville and Brent LaBuy of Machesney Park, Ill., started their journey south on Monday, Sept. 11.

The Florida Electric Cooperatives Association put out a call for help on Sept. 7, anticipating Irma's landfall on the morning of Sept. 10, and the huge storm's potential to batter the entire state.

Early on Sept. 11, co-op vehicles began departing from local headquarters across Wisconsin for assembly points in Janesville, Eau Claire, Oakdale, and Portage. The crews arrived in Florida on Sept. 13.



Linemen Justin Busfield, left, and Brent LaBuy are helping to rebuild electric systems devastated by Hurricane Irma.

The Wisconsin crews are assigned to assist rebuilding at Clay Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Keystone Heights, Fla., northeast of Gainesville. Clay Electric had about 130,000 members—representing about 75 percent of its system—without power on the day after the hurricane.

In addition to Rock Energy, participating co-ops include Adams-Co-

lumbia, Barron, Bayfield, Central Wisconsin, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Oakdale, Oconto, Pierce Pepin, Price, Richland, Riverland, Scenic Rivers, Taylor, Vernon, and Dairyland.

A second round of 24 co-op workers have been recruited for later rotation into the damaged area.

The relief mission is similar to assistance rendered by Wisconsin co-ops 12 years ago following Hurricane Katrina.

Personnel from 14 Wisconsin electric cooperatives were dispatched over a four-week period to Louisiana on a rotating basis.

They helping rebuild a local co-op distribution system that had been almost destroyed.

It's also similar—on a larger scale—to the ROPE (Restoration of Power in an Emergency) program in which Wisconsin co-ops help each other shorten recovery times when severe weather damages local electric systems.



Line crews from Wisconsin co-ops met at Rock Energy headquarters in Janesville before heading south to Florida.

Nominations Open for Director Positions

The Rock Energy Cooperative Nominating Committee will select candidates for board of director positions that will be on the ballot at the March 26, 2018, annual meeting.

These three districts are up for election:

- District 1: Fulton, Porter, Albion, and Dunkirk townships in Wisconsin.
- District 3: Johnstown, Bradford, and Darien townships in Wisconsin.
- District 5: Clinton, Sharon, and Turtle townships in

Wisconsin; Alden, Chemung, Hebron, Leroy, Manchester, and Roscoe townships in Illinois.

Active members who are interested in running for a position on the REC Board of Directors must permanently reside in one of the areas up for election and meet all other qualifications.

For more information, please contact the co-op at 866-752-4550 or send an e-mail to questions@rock.coop by Dec. 1.

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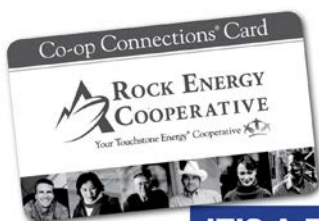
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