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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### *Corn Belt Energy sends crews to assist with Hurricane Florence storm restoration efforts*

*BLOOMINGTON, IL — Thursday, September 13, 2018* — Corn Belt Energy crews departed at 6:45 am today for North Carolina to assist South River EMC in Dunn, NC.

The potentially catastrophic nature of the category 2 storm, Hurricane Florence, is currently on track to vastly impact the Southeastern United States. Electric cooperatives such as South River EMC are bracing for extended outages. As a part of their emergency action plan and in conjunction with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), cooperatives throughout United States are banding together in preparation to assist electric cooperatives who are impacted by the hurricane.

Corn Belt Energy crews will stage outside of Hurricane Florence's planned path of damage. Corn Belt Energy is sending eight linemen as well as two large bucket trucks and two digger derricks. Crews will monitor the storm from the staging area and plan to be on site at South River EMC and ready for assignment on Friday, September 14.

Corn Belt Energy is one of 19 Illinois electric cooperatives sending crews to assist in rebuilding shattered electric systems in the wake of Hurricane Florence.

#### **About Corn Belt Energy**

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity to over 36,000 households and businesses throughout 18 counties. One of the largest





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cooperatives in Illinois, Corn Belt Energy employs 85 people, maintains over 5,000 miles of line, and distributes electricity from the Wabash Valley Power Association, a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indiana. As a not-for-profit energy cooperative, Corn Belt Energy is owned by the members it serves and is committed to providing reliable, affordable energy. Governed by 13 directors who are themselves residential members, Corn Belt also supports energy efficiency, education, and safety initiatives. Learn more at [www.cornbeltenergy.com](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com).

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