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Corn Belt Energy sends crews to assist with Hurricane Laura storm restoration efforts

BLOOMINGTON, IL — Friday, August 28, 2020 — Corn Belt Energy Crews are departing today and tomorrow for Louisiana to assist Jeff Davis Electric Cooperative in Jennings, Louisiana.

The catastrophic nature of the category 4 storm, Hurricane Laura, caused damage and power outages to hundreds of thousands of people as it ripped through portions of Louisiana and eastern Texas.

One of the electric cooperatives directly hit by the hurricane, Jeff Davis Electric Cooperative, reported 100% of their electric system without power due to extensive storm damage including downed lines, damaged poles and severe flooding.

Jeff Davis Electric Cooperative has requested storm assistance from Corn Belt Energy as well as many other electric cooperatives. 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 is sending two crews consisting of four journeymen linemen and two forestry journeymen to assist in emergency storm restoration efforts. Corn Belt Energy is one of 11 Illinois electric cooperatives sending crews to assist in rebuilding shattered electric systems in the wake of Hurricane Laura. Additionally, multiple crews remain available in our Bloomington and Princeton offices to handle normal daily operations.





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“Corn Belt Energy has a long-standing history of providing a helping hand to its cooperative peers in trying times,” stated Don Taylor, Corn Belt Energy President & CEO, “and our thoughts and prayers are with our linemen as well as everyone impacted by Hurricane Laura.”

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 cooperatives in Illinois, Corn Belt Energy employs 85 people, maintains over 5,000 miles of line, and distributes electricity from the Wabash Valley Power Alliance, 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.

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