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WISCONSIN PUBLIC POWER CREWS HEADED TO FLORIDA TO SPEED RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE IAN

As Florida utilities prepare for anticipated damage when Hurricane Ian makes landfall this week, lineworkers from municipally-owned utilities across Wisconsin, including Stoughton Utilities, are answering the call.

Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) has asked Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) to organize electric system “mutual aid” crews to head for New Smyrna Beach, to work side-by-side with New Smyrna Beach Utilities (NSBU) employees and other mutual aid crews. Workers from 22 Wisconsin communities will help with recovery work that is expected to be needed in the wake of Hurricane Ian.

Stoughton Utilities lineman Joe Adler, along with dozens of Wisconsin municipal electric lineworkers, a fleet of bucket trucks, digger derricks, and other equipment, departed for Florida on Thursday morning. Workers are expected to be in Florida for 10 days to two weeks, but could be there helping with restoration and repair efforts for up to three weeks.

Municipal utilities participating in the initial wave of Ian-related mutual aid come from Arcadia, Black Earth, Cedarburg, Elkhorn, Fennimore, Hartford, Kaukauna, Marshfield, Mazomanie, Muscoda, New Lisbon, Manitowoc, Oconomowoc, Oconto Falls, Plymouth, Rice Lake, Richland Center, Shawano, Stoughton, Sun Prairie, Waunakee, and Wisconsin Rapids.



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Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.

About mutual aid

Mutual aid is electric utilities helping each other in times of need. Utilities that want to give and get help for power restoration after a disaster are part of a network of community-owned electric companies. When (and even before) a major disaster hits a utility's territory and the utility knows that its own crews and equipment won't be enough to restore power quickly, it calls for mutual aid. Other utilities in the network respond with what they can offer.

About MEUW

Formed in 1928, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin is the state association providing safety services, leadership and management training, advocacy, and member support to the 81 municipal electric utilities across Wisconsin. Collectively, these public power utilities serve nearly 300,000 electric customers and distribute more than 11 percent of the electricity in Wisconsin. Municipal utilities, most with century-old roots serving their communities, operate on a not-for-profit basis overseen by a local governing board composed of local citizens and elected officials. To learn more, visit meuw.org.