

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Clark Electric crew responds to Florida's call for help

Clark Electric Cooperative responded to a call to assist Clay Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Keystone Heights, Florida, after Hurricane Irma hit that cooperative's service territory in early September. Clark Electric was one of 18 electric cooperatives from Wisconsin that assisted in the restoration of power in the aftermath of the hurricane.

ROPE, or Restoration Of Power in an Emergency, is a very unique program of co-ops helping co-ops. It is administered by Dairyland Power Cooperative on behalf of all of its member cooperatives. When a major storm rolls through a cooperative's service territory and causes extensive damage to its distribution system, that co-op can call Dairyland Power and activate the ROPE program. Dairyland Power will then go to work to find crews from other cooperatives unaffected by the storm to help restore power to the affected cooperative's sys-



Working in Florida in September to help restore power after Hurricane Irma were (from left) linemen Scott Bailen and Chad Steffen; Kevin Sterland, assistant line superintendent; and apprentice lineman Kole Hinker.

tem. Electric cooperatives typically have large service territories with a limited number of linemen to cover them, so it's nice to know help is just a phone call away through the ROPE program, said CEO/General Manager Tim Stewart.


Clark Electric Cooperative has sent crews to a number of other cooperatives in recent years including Washington

St. Tammany Electric Cooperative in Franklinton, Louisiana, after hurricane Katrina.

While Scott, Chad, Kevin, and Kole volunteered to respond to the latest call for help at Clay Electric Cooperative, every one of our linemen at Clark Electric stands ready to assist other cooperatives through the ROPE Program.

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LOAD MANAGEMENT TEST SET FOR NOVEMBER 15

Each year, a test of the load management system is conducted for members of the Dual Fuel program. This year, the test will take place on Wednesday, November 15. The electric heat will be turned off at 5 p.m. and will be turned back on starting at 8 p.m., with everyone's electric heat scheduled to be back on by 10:30 p.m.

The test is done each year to ensure the cooperative's load management equipment is working properly and to allow members participating in the Dual Fuel program to make sure their backup heating systems are operational before winter sets in.

If you experience any problems during this test, or if you have any questions about the test, contact Clark Electric Cooperative, 714-267-6188 or 800-272-6188.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Clark Electric Cooperative's office will be closed Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

