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## POWER, FAITH IN HUMANITY RESTORED

**ALEDO (September 29, 2022)** – As a result of Hurricane Ian, Tri-County Electric Cooperative sent 22 personnel to Florida to assist with repairs to the electric grid this morning.

At 7:00 a.m., trucks from each of the cooperative's four operation offices embarked on the 14-hour drive to Florida; including 18 linemen, two line superintendents, a safety officer, and mechanic. The linemen are prepared for 16-hour workdays until restoration and additional help comes, and are working with Peace River Electric Cooperative in Lakewood Ranch, FL - where 87% of members are without power.

Wesley Scheets, the co-op's chief operations officer, said the crews staged material and equipment on Tuesday in preparation to depart.

"This is the first hurricane the cooperative has responded to," he said. "We are thankful to have the linemen in place to provide assistance in time of need."

Hurricane Ian was declared a Category 4 storm when it reached land yesterday and is currently marked as a tropical storm – anticipated to return to a Category 4 storm as it nears South Carolina. Statewide, over 2.5 million citizens are without power.

Tri-County Electric Co-op President/CEO Darryl Schriver said providing support to other electric co-op's is just part of our business model and the 7 Cooperative Principles.

"Sending linemen to help repair and restore power to Floridians a perfect example of Principle No. 6, Cooperation Among Cooperatives," he said. "We pray for their safety and the safety of every lineman working to get the lights back on throughout Ian's path."

Tri-County Electric Cooperative provides electricity to more than 103,300 meters on 9,840 miles of distribution lines. Tri-County Electric Co-op strives to enhance the quality of life in our diverse communities by providing safe, reliable and competitive electric and customer service to our member-

owners as good stewards of the environment. The co-op, established in 1939, is a distribution electric cooperative that serves more than 103,000 members in 16 counties in the north Texas region.

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