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**TMLP Assisting in Mutual Aid Efforts in Florida**

(Taunton, MA) – On Tuesday, September 27, 2022 TMLP sent three employees (two linemen, one mechanic) and two trucks to Jacksonville Electric Authority and Bartow Electric Department in Bartow, Florida ahead of hurricane Ian to assist in the recovery efforts. This is the second time that New England Public Power Association (NEPPA) volunteers were sent to aid in Bartow, with Hurricane Irma in 2017 being the first. Mutual aid is one of the many benefits of being a public power provider and is a program that supports our nation’s utilities to restore power and keep people safe when a natural disaster strikes.

As a public power provider TMLP participates in the Mutual Aid Program run by NEPPA, regionally, and the American Public Power Association (APPA), nationally. When a major storm hits, mutual aid volunteers are called upon to assist in the recovery efforts.

When hurricane Ian was determined to be a category 4 hurricane and there was no question as to its landfall, APPA mobilized volunteers from member utilities to go to Florida. APPA describes it as an important function and we agree! Here’s how it works:

Volunteering utilities sign a mutual aid agreement. These agreements allows member utilities to request mutual aid in advance of a storm when it’s anticipated that more resources are needed than typical at the available utility.

We all have a common goal for safe and reliable service, along with a willingness to help our fellow utilities at their time of need. Knowing we have a network to call upon when needed is just one of the many benefits of being your public power provider!



TMLP serves over 39,000 customers in Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, North Dighton and sections of Lakeville and Bridgewater. Our mission is to provide reliable, competitively priced services to our community in a sustainable, environmentally-sensitive and customer-centric manner. [www.tmlp.com](http://www.tmlp.com)

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