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## **ENERGYUNITED SENDS CREWS TO GEORGIA TO ASSIST IN HURRICANE IRMA RESTORATION EFFORTS**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.**

Hurricane Irma was a historic storm and utilities are coordinating a historic response. Approximately 5,000 cooperative workers from 25 states are converging on the hurricane's impact zone to assist with restoration efforts. EnergyUnited will be involved in the restoration efforts with two cooperatives in the state of Georgia.

The majority of EnergyUnited members were fortunately spared from any devastation from Hurricane Irma. However, many individuals, families and businesses throughout the states of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina were not as fortunate. EnergyUnited crews will be traveling to two neighboring electric cooperatives, Flint and Oconee in Georgia to assist with restoration efforts in the wake of Hurricane Irma. Five crews along with additional support personnel will leave early Wednesday morning. These crews will be working as long as needed to help restore power.

EnergyUnited CEO, H. Wayne Wilkins, shares “We feel fortunate that our members and communities were spared from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those that are suffering from damaged homes and long-term power outages.”

Both Flint and Oconee electric cooperatives, along with many more, took a direct hit from the storm, and expect to be working to restore power for days, possibly weeks. Peak outage estimates indicate that there were 760,000 co-op outages in Florida, 535,000 in Georgia, and 100,000 in South Carolina.

**About EnergyUnited** EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 126,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at [www.energyunited.com](http://www.energyunited.com) to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.