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LAFAYETTE UTILITIES SYSTEM COMPLETES STORM RESTORATION FOLLOWING HURRICANE DEBBY

Lafayette, LA – Due to the projected landfall of Hurricane Debby in Florida on Monday, August 5, the City of Tallahassee requested Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) to provide mutual aid utility restoration assistance. LUS committed 15 employees and 11 vehicles to restore power to 12,000 customers.

“We stand with the communities facing the aftermath of these devastating storms,” said Jeffrey Stewart, LUS Director. “LUS is committed to offering our support to help Tallahassee recover and rebuild, just as they have helped us in the past.”

Following the Tallahassee restoration, the City of Gainesville requested LUS linemen assist in their Hurricane Debby restoration efforts. Working with Gainesville Regional Utilities, service was restored to 10,000 impacted customers.

The collaboration between LUS and neighboring cities like Tallahassee and Gainesville underscores the spirit of cooperation and mutual assistance that defines the public power community. Through APPA's mutual aid network, utilities across the nation come together in times of crisis to provide vital assistance and resources to communities in need.

Mission Statement: As a publicly owned utilities system, we provide high-quality, competitively priced services that exceed our customers’ expectations, and contribute to the Consolidated Government to support other community needs.

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