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Dairyland Power Crews Provide Aid in Iowa after Storm Damage

La Crosse, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative offered mutual assistance to Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), after the utility suffered significant damage in their service territory during the August derecho.

A derecho is a line of intense, widespread and fast-moving windstorms, and sometimes thunderstorms, that moves across a great distance and is characterized by damaging winds. Wind speeds reaching up to 100 m.p.h. resulted in approximately 60,000 member-consumers without power, as reported by the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Crews from Dairyland's Transmission Construction, Transmission Maintenance, Field Operations, Fleet Operations and Safety went to the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, area helping restore power.

“There were roughly 220 poles down in the two sections of line that the Dairyland crews were working on,” said Dustin Rosemeyer, Dairyland Line Construction Supervisor.

“Many of our construction guys left from the jobs they were working on and never had a chance to go home to pack,” said Shannon Duwe Dairyland Manager, Transmission Line. “I really want to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped out. Stepping in to provide service when needed without question is highly valued and shows true commitment.”

About Dairyland Power Cooperative: Dairyland, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, was formed in December 1941. Headquartered in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides the wholesale electrical requirements for 24 distribution cooperatives and 17 municipal utilities. These cooperatives and municipals, in turn, supply the energy needs of more than a half-million people in the four-state service area.

Today, the cooperative’s generating resources include coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, solar and biogas. Dairyland delivers electricity via 3,200 miles of transmission lines and 420 substations located throughout the system’s 44,500 square mile service area. Visit www.DairylandPower.com.

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