

OG&E teams deploy to Florida to assist with Hurricane Irma

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Crews working Harvey restoration return home Thursday

OKLAHOMA CITY— OG&E is executing a two-stage deployment to assist Florida Power and Light (FPL) with restoration efforts related to Hurricane Irma. Because of OG&E's extensive expertise in managing large-scale restoration events, the first stage involves a 14 member management team to coordinate a group of 250 linemen (resourced by FPL) and 250 vegetation management personnel (resourced by FPL). This initial team leaves tomorrow morning at 6 a.m.

The second stage of deployment includes a convoy of 80 lineman and support staff that leave at 6 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13. These line crews leave one day later than the initial team to ensure OG&E resources are not overextended from providing personnel for both Harvey and Irma restoration efforts. Crews working Harvey restoration are expected to return home Thursday evening. An additional 10-member logistics team is also on stand-by and ready to deploy if needed.

Hurricane Irma has caused a record number of power outages. As of this morning, 6.5 million Floridians were affected by outages. Given the size and strength of Irma, the electric power industry is mounting a nationwide response. This is likely to be one of the largest industry restoration efforts in U.S. history.

OG&E is a member of the Midwest Mutual Assistance and Southeast Electrical Exchange (SEE), which dispatches mutual assistance teams in cases of widespread outages. Companies impacted by major outage events increase the size of their workforce by utilizing (and paying) restoration workers from other companies in unaffected areas.

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