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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### *Corn Belt Energy crews are once again stepping up to assist others in our cooperative family*

**BLOOMINGTON, IL — Thursday, October 11, 2018** — Corn Belt Energy crews departed at 1:30 pm yesterday for North Carolina to assist Lumbee River EMC in Red Springs, NC.

The potentially disastrous nature of the tropical storm, Michael, is currently on track to impact the Southeastern United States including many of the same areas that were impacted by Hurricane Florence. Electric cooperatives such as Lumbee River EMC are still experiencing wet ground conditions as a result of Hurricane Florence and are bracing for extended outages that may result from high winds and heavy rain. Increased rainfall and gale force winds combined with the existing saturated ground may result in downed trees, lines and poles. Cooperatives in this area have already been working extended hours to repair damage incurred from Hurricane Florence and are requesting assistance from other cooperatives to supplement their line crews in storm restoration efforts. As a part of their emergency action plan and in conjunction with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), cooperatives throughout United States are banding together in preparation to assist electric cooperatives who are impacted by the this storm.

Corn Belt Energy is sending multiple crews from both our central and northern regions. Crews are in route and plan to be on site at Lumbee River EMC and ready for assignment sometime today. Additionally, multiple crews remain available in our Bloomington and Princeton offices to handle normal daily operations.





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“Electric cooperatives are an impressive family that serve each other and the membership with extraordinary effort. Not only are we sending crews to assist with storm restoration efforts, I also see the team at home stepping up and stepping in in a variety of ways in addition to their everyday work,” said Don Taylor, Corn Belt Energy President & CEO.

### **About Corn Belt Energy**

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity to over 36,000 households and businesses throughout 18 counties. One of the largest cooperatives in Illinois, Corn Belt Energy employs 85 people, maintains over 5,000 miles of line, and distributes electricity from the Wabash Valley Power Association, a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indiana. As a not-for-profit energy cooperative, Corn Belt Energy is owned by the members it serves and is committed to providing reliable, affordable energy. Governed by 13 directors who are themselves residential members, Corn Belt also supports energy efficiency, education, and safety initiatives. Learn more at [www.cornbeltenergy.com](http://www.cornbeltenergy.com).

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