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Central Florida Electric Co-op assists fellow co-op



CFEC crew pictured, left to right: Eddie Ruth, Josh Hires, Steven Studstill and Terry Goble

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CHIEFLAND – After safely restoring the minimal amount of power outages in their service area, a crew from Central Florida Electric Cooperative was sent to assist neighboring Clay Electric Cooperative who suffered extreme damages from Hurricane Matthew.

Over 89,000 of Clay’s members initially lost power after the hurricane hit Saturday, Oct 8. CFEC crews were sent that day and worked hand-in-hand with Clay throughout the weekend to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. Clay Electric concluded its restoration efforts Monday, Oct. 10. A combined workforce of more than 150 Clay Electric personnel and 650 construction and right of way personnel from other electric co-ops and contractors from around the Southeastern U.S. were involved in the restoration effort. “We appreciate all the hard work from our personnel and those who came to help us in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew,” said Clay Electric General Manager/CEO Ricky Davis.

“Cooperation Among Cooperatives” is one of the Seven Cooperative Principles and CFEC holds it highly. The CFEC family was happy to demonstrate this important principle by lending a hand and working together to assist Clay, in order to help restore power to their members.

“We were glad to send help to Clay, and are always willing to assist when we are able,” said CFEC Chief Operating Officer Ben Dawson. “We are thankful our service area had minimal damage and that we were able to support our neighboring co-op in their time of need.”