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#### **(Neb.)-NPPD To Send Crews For Sandy Assistance**

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(Columbus)-Sixteen distribution line technicians from the Nebraska Public Power District will leave Wednesday morning to assist in restoring electrical power to areas devastated by Hurricane Sandy along the country's east coast. NPPD crews will be assisting Appalachian Power Company, a division of American Electric Power, in West Virginia.

Over 150,000 Appalachian Power Company customers were reported to be without power due to blizzard conditions and heavy snow in the state from Hurricane Sandy. Organizing this assistance was the Midwest Mutual Aid group comprised of various utilities in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

According to President and CEO Pat Pope, this is just another way that NPPD proves its motto to be 'Always there when you need us'. He said their crews are obviously dedicated to serving our Nebraska customers first, but when able, NPPD also wants to provide the same type of assistance they were provided when their customers were without power during the 2006 and 2007 ice storms.

NPPD line technicians from Scottsbluff, South Sioux City, Lexington, Ogallala, Norfolk, Sutherland, Shelton, Ainsworth, Humboldt, Gordon, Oakland, York, Atkinson, and Pawnee City operations will be assisting in the power restoration. NPPD crews are expected to be in West Virginia through November 7, but could remain longer depending on the damage and needs of the Appalachian Power Company.

(Story courtesy NPPD)