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LAFAYETTE UTILITIES SYSTEM RECEIVES NATIONAL COMMENDATION FOR ELECTRIC RESTORATION EFFORTS IN REPOSE TO HURRICANE LAURA

LAFAYETTE, LA (September 8, 2020) – Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) has received a national commendation from the American Public Power Association for its support in electric power restoration efforts in Louisiana for the cities of Vinton, Boyce and Alexandria.

On August 29, after restoring power to the city of Lafayette, LUS sent multiple crews to assist communities in southwest and central Louisiana, which suffered widespread outages as a result of Hurricane Laura.

“The damage was much worse (in Vinton) than when we went to help out after Hurricane Rita,” said Greg Labbe’, LUS Electric Operations Manager. “We were committed to see it through to the end once every one had their power back on.”

“Mutual aid is invaluable in our industry,” says Lowell Duhon, LUS Interim Director. “To be able to call on experienced, qualified teams to come and help and then go help others in need is what mutual aid is all about.”

LUS participates in the American Public Power Association’s Mutual Aid Network, which coordinates with utilities and authorities during widespread power outages.

For more information on LUS and its commitment to mutual aid, visit www.lus.org or PublicPower.org/MutualAid.

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