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Pictured are the city of Rocky Mount line crews that provided mutual aid in Wilson

Rocky Mount receives national commendation for mutual aid assistance

Rocky Mount, N.C. – The city of Rocky Mount Energy Resources department has received a national commendation from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for its support in electric power restoration efforts in Wilson.

On May 20, the city of Rocky Mount sent two crews to assist Wilson Energy following a storm that caused significant damage to their electric distribution system. The lineworkers who assisted in Wilson are Adam Hedge, Alex Parker, Daniel Hicks, Dylan Sauls, Ethan Gaskins, Ryan Barnes,

Benjamin Vito, Justin Cooper, Sammy Moss, Spencer Leonard, Steve LeGay, Steve McBride, Trevor Evans and Trey Wiggins.

“One of the benefits of being a Public Power community is mutual aid assistance from neighbors helping neighbors,” says Chris Beschler, director of Energy Resources. “In times of crisis when storms cause widespread outages, we’re glad to help our neighboring utility with restoring power.”

The city of Rocky Mount participates in the APPA’s Mutual Aid Network, which coordinates with utilities and authorities during widespread power outages. For more information about APPA’s mutual aid program, please visit *PublicPower.org/MutualAid*.

About Rocky Mount

The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. The city was recognized as one of 10 winners nationwide of the 2020-21 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 54,000 residents daily.

The city’s mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community toward a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit www.rockymountnc.gov for news and updates.

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