

## **BREMCO Crews Head to Hurricane Zone**

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With all members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation fully restored with power and damage to the electric system repaired, the cooperative is sending crews today to the Northeast where the impact of Hurricane Sandy continues to leave millions without power. Blue Ridge Electric answered the call to assist FirstEnergy, one of the nation's largest investor-owned utilities serving 6 million customers in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and Maryland. Twenty line technicians from Blue Ridge will report today to West Virginia. At the height of the storm, FirstEnergy had a reported 2.2 million customers without power. Blue Ridge crews join more than 14,000 personnel working around the clock for FirstEnergy to repair damage and restore power to thousands still without power. "This is what being a cooperative is about: helping others in need," said Doug Johnson, chief executive officer of Blue Ridge Electric. "We're thankful we were able to get our members fully restored with power by Tuesday evening and are now in a good position to assist others with their power restoration efforts. Electricity is a necessity that powers our communities and every part of our personal and business lives so we feel very passionate about sharing our expertise to help others," Johnson said.