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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative Power Weathering Hurricane Debby

**Monday, August 5, 2024** - Following the severity of Hurricane Debby that recently swept through our region, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) is working tirelessly to restore power to our valued Members. The safety and well-being of our community are our top priorities, and we are committed to restoring power as quickly and safely as possible.

Throughout the night, throughout the rain, and throughout the storm, WREC crews have restored power to more than 30,000 homes and businesses. We are now down to around 2,900 Members still without power throughout our service territory. WREC crews will continue to work to restore power to everyone who has been affected.

We want to remind our Members to use an abundance of caution and stay away from downed power lines and to report any hazardous situations to 911 and your local WREC office. Our trained professionals are equipped to handle these situations safely and efficiently. If you need to report an outage, please use our SmartHub app.

A message from WREC's General Manager, David Lambert, "I would like to thank everyone for their patience and the entire WREC team for their hard work and dedication in restoring power to our communities." For updates and assistance, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.wrec.net">www.wrec.net</a> and follow us on social media for real-time updates and information.

## **About Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):**

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 260,000 homes and businesses in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Polk, and Sumter counties since 1947. WREC is dedicated to providing reliable and affordable electric services to its members while actively contributing to the communities it serves.