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Asplundh's Tree and Line Workers Respond to Superstorm Sandy

Willow Grove, PA—After a week of mobilizing thousands of additional tree and line workers from all over the U.S. and parts of Canada, Asplundh is currently working to assist 22 utilities in restoring power in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

This massive storm brought down thousands of trees and utility poles when it came inland on Monday, leaving more than eight million utility customers out of power from the Middle Atlantic to New England. Steady progress is being made as the densely-populated Northeastern U.S. deals with the aftermath of historic coastal flooding, tree-blocked roadways and heavy snow in parts of the Appalachian Mountains.

“I want to thank all of our employees involved in this storm response for working safely and efficiently to help utilities restore power. We will continue to support our customers in getting everyone back in service,” said Chief Executive Officer Scott Asplundh. “I also appreciate the support of family members of our employees on storm duty and the many utilities and municipalities who released our crews to work on this urgent restoration effort.”

Asplundh tree crews have been mobilized from 29 different states and three Canadian provinces to join with thousands of local Asplundh employees already working. Dozens of utilities and municipalities where they normally work have released them for the storm emergency response. Crews from as far away as Arizona have traveled to the storm zone.

Line construction employees from Asplundh Construction, Utility Lines Construction Services and American Lighting & Signalization (subsidiaries of Asplundh) have been sent in from as far away as Florida and Louisiana to assist utilities in repairing storm-damaged power lines. In addition, storm damage assessors and electrical testing technicians have been sent from other Asplundh subsidiaries, Utility Pole Technologies and American Electrical Testing Co., to help utilities expedite the restoration process.

Employee and public safety is a major concern as the effects of Superstorm Sandy have made travel and restoration work very difficult. Asplundh's regional safety supervisors are conducting daily safety briefings with employees to remind them of the hazards posed by broken trees, downed power lines, flooding, deep snow and blocked roads. Members of Asplundh's Storm Coordination Team in Willow Grove, PA will remain on duty to fulfill additional requests for crews or address logistics issues until all the deployed crews have been released and returned to their home locations.

About Asplundh:

Asplundh Tree Expert Co. is a family-owned and managed company headquartered just outside of Philadelphia in Willow Grove, PA. It primarily provides vegetation management and utility infrastructure services to a wide range of utilities and municipalities. The Asplundh family of companies employs approximately 32,000 men and women throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Learn more at www.asplundh.com

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