In the days following the March 8, 2017 windstorm with gusts up to 81 MPH Municipal Electric Companies from the Villages of Bath, Bergen, Castile, Churchville, Endicott, Fairport, Frankfort, Greene, Groton, Hamilton, Mohawk, Penn Yan, Solvay, Spencerport, and Watkins Glen were ready to offer Mutual Aid assistance to RG&E's storm restoration process.

The Municipal Electric Utilities Association comprised locally of the Village of Bergen, Churchville, Fairport, Holley, and Spencerport and an additional 35 villages throughout NYS put their Mutual Aid plan to work for this storm. MEUA's Mutual Aid Coordinator Owen McIntee, Electric Superintendent of the Village Spencerport and the New York Power Authority contacted the MEUA to activate the newly adopted Private/Public Mutual Aid Protocol Agreement which activated the MEUA Mutual Aid response process with RG&E. RG&E welcomed the offer.

Owen along with Tom Santillo, Village of Fairport starting Friday, March 10th – Wednesday, March 15th led 45 MEUA linemen who worked with RG&E to restore power throughout Monroe County.

On Saturday, March 11th MEUA linemen repaired a primary circuit feeding East Rochester and Perinton that restored power to 2,000 RG&E customers.

From Sunday, March 12th – Wednesday, March 15th MEUA crews worked in the Village of Pittsford, Henrietta, City of Rochester, Brighton, East Irondequoit, Webster and the Durand Eastman Park area restoring power to RG&E customers.

As Mayor of the Village of Spencerport along with the entire Village Board, I couldn't be more proud of my Village and all of the Villages throughout the State. With associations like the MEUA Mutual Aid plans are developed and efficiently deployed when the need calls.

Respectfully submitted by:

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