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Employees from We Energies and our sister company, Wisconsin Public Service (WPS), soon will deploy to Puerto Rico to assist with the power restoration mission following Hurricane Maria.

About 35 We Energies employees and 25 WPS workers will depart the second week of January for an estimated four- to six-week work assignment in the San Juan area. They'll join thousands of other power restoration workers from other U.S. energy companies answering Puerto Rico's need for assistance.

An estimated 3.5 million Puerto Ricans were left in the dark after Hurricane Maria made a direct hit on the island in September. Three months later, an estimated 40-50 percent of residents still don't have electricity.

Prior to our crews' departure, trucks and equipment are being delivered to a port in Jacksonville, Florida, where they will be loaded onto a barge bound for Puerto Rico. The exact date of our crews' departure is pending, but we're anticipating they'll fly out of Milwaukee on Jan. 10 or 11. We'll post updates as their journey unfolds.