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### **GEUS TO HELP BRING FIRST LIGHTS TO NAVAJO NATION**

(April 15, 2019-Greenville, Texas) GEUS linemen will soon be helping to build electric lines to serve 60,000 Americans that have never had electricity.

Utility crews from several states will converge this month through a unique mutual aid initiative organized by the American Public Power Association (APPA) to build the first ever distribution lines to remote areas of the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Nation is a Native American territory covering more than 17,500,000 acres in parts of Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. The remote territory is home to 300,000 Native Americans and is larger than ten U.S. states.

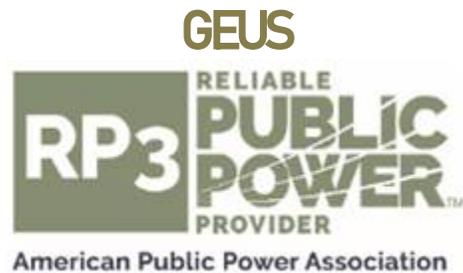
GEUS Electric Line Foreman Joe Bob Brand and his crew of Billie Payne, Johnny Hendricks and Jorge Vasquez will travel to the remote region later this month to assist in the line construction.

APPA Senior Vice President Mike Hyland says the project exemplifies the spirit of public power. "Public power utilities are always ready to roll up their sleeves and assist other public power utilities in times of need, whether it is a one-time event such as a severe storm or a hurricane or a project such as the Light Up the Navajo Nation initiative," Hyland noted.

"GEUS is grateful for the opportunity to work with other public power utilities from across the nation to provide electricity Americans that have never had this essential service," said GEUS General Manager Alicia Price. "GEUS is proud to be part of this worthwhile project," Price added.



**Billie Payne, Johnny Hendricks, Joe Bob Brand and Jorge Vasquez will soon be bringing first-time power to remote areas of Navajo Nation.**



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GEUS became the first municipally-owned electric utility in Texas in 1891. 110 years later it became the first municipally-owned cable television and high speed Internet operation in Texas. GEUS offers these services to the 26,000 plus consumer/owners living in the Greenville, Texas area located approximately 50 miles East of Dallas, Texas. GEUS is uniquely governed by an autonomous board of trustees that is appointed by the Greenville City Council. Steps were taken by the Texas Legislature in 1989 to allow this type of governing structure. For more information about our 125+ years of public power history or the services we offer, please visit our web site at

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