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CLAVERACK RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (REC) RECEIVES \$2.1 MILLION GRANT TO BOOST GRID RESILIENCE AND REDUCE OUTAGES

Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties—Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$2,145,000 through the Pennsylvania Grid Resilience Grants (PA GRG) Program. This grant will enable the cooperative to implement advanced satellite imagery and machine learning technology to enhance the visibility of over 2,800 miles of power lines. Additionally, Claverack REC will install over 50 smart grid devices connected to the cooperative's fiber optic communications infrastructure.

The upcoming enhancements will bolster the cooperative's electric grid resilience and reliability. This forward-thinking initiative by Claverack REC aims to reduce outage durations over the next several years, significantly improving service quality. "We are pleased to receive this grant, which will allow us to continue our efforts to enhance our infrastructure and provide more reliable service to our members," said Claverack REC's President & CEO Steve Allabaugh.

In addition to benefiting the cooperative and its members, these enhancements will bolster the overall resilience of the region's electrical infrastructure, reflecting Claverack REC's commitment to supporting the communities it serves. "This is a huge advancement for our cooperative and rural Pennsylvania," said Allabaugh.

The PA GRG Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and funded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Grid Resilience State/Tribal Formula Grant Program.

About Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative:

Claverack REC is a member-owned, not-for-profit utility headquartered in Wysox, PA. Claverack REC provides electricity to nearly 19,000 consumers in Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming counties.

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