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Gov. Scott To Direct Resources To Help Restore Power To Leon County

Today, with more than 33,000 homes and businesses still without power in the City of Tallahassee and more than 40,000 homes and businesses without power in Leon County, Governor Scott is directing additional resources to the City of Tallahassee which will help quickly restore power.

Governor Rick Scott said "There are still too many people without power in the City of Tallahassee and Leon County and as you would expect, I will not be satisfied until it is fully restored. Today, I have identified contractors from private companies that can remove downed trees and fallen tree limbs as well as other debris that impacts downed power lines in Tallahassee. These contractors can also provide over-line support to the debris removal crews.

"While power restoration efforts are ongoing, I would like to do everything possible to increase the pace of power restoration. I am committed to making every resource available to assist the City of Tallahassee to fully restore power. The residents of Tallahassee deserve nothing less than 100 percent power restoration. I asked Mayor Gillum to let me know today by 8:00 pm if the city will utilize these efforts so we can quickly deploy help to impacted areas.

"This afternoon, as a matter of public safety, I have directed the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to immediately begin surveying downed power lines throughout Leon County and clearly mark them as a hazard so the public knows to stay away. I am also directing FDOT to survey bus stops, school entrances, hospitals, and medical facilities and report any downed power lines that may be a public safety issue. I hope this will be helpful to the city and county. As I traveled Tallahassee, these issues are still unresolved by city and county government.

"I was also informed this morning that the City of Tallahassee and Leon County have declined further 'cut-and-toss' assistance from FDOT to clear debris such as downed trees and fallen tree limbs. I continue

to hear from residents that this is needed. FDOT stands ready to continue providing this service to the City and County.

“I want to thank FDOT and their many employees who have been working non-stop since Friday to clear debris such as downed trees and fallen tree limbs, install 200 generators in the Tallahassee area to support the operation of traffic signals and perform road and bridge assessments.”