

YORKSHIRE FLOODS

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Project Summary

Client: Northern Powergrid (NPG)

Timescales: 26th December 2015 – 11th January 2016, 24 hours a day

Linbrooke Disciplines: Power/Utilities

Linbrooke Services Utilised: Project planning, management and coordination, inspections, remedial repairs, replacements and reconnections

Customer Objective

To assist Northern Powergrid in reconnecting thousands of customers whose homes were badly affected by the flash floods in Calder Valley, Leeds and York.

Project Overview

With Storm Eva creating severe flash flooding across the West and North Yorkshire area, thousands of properties were left without power supplies. Linbrooke immediately answered NPG's call to arms where we were subsequently required to undertake inspections of flooded properties, assess the level of remedial repairs required and liaise with meter operators and suppliers to ensure customers were reconnected as swiftly as possible.

Working tirelessly within the Calder Valley, Leeds and York regions, we had up to 11 teams constantly on site, from Boxing Day until the 11th of January. This included senior members of our team providing project management and coordination for multiple NPG contractors.

"Linbrooke's performance has been exemplary especially over the Christmas floods where response and senior support was exceptional"

– Mick Hickling, West Yorkshire Zone Manager for Northern Powergrid

Linbrooke Project Scope

Providing instant support to Northern Powergrid, Linbrooke were responsible for reconnecting both domestic and industrial properties to power supplies in the Hebden Bridge, Mytholmroyd, Copley and Sowerby Bridge areas of the Calder Valley, with separate teams operating in the Leeds and York City areas. Ensuring we had up to 11 teams on site enabled NPG to reconnect supplies as efficiently as possible. In support of these resources, Linbrooke also provided welfare van facilities to create a focal point for customers to receive updates on our works. Distributing hot drinks and food to our own team, NPG, other sub-contractors and the local residents, we boosted morale through camaraderie and positivity.

Collaborating with NPG, their customers, energy suppliers, the military and the local authority, we provided senior management and supervision on an inter-industry basis as well as project planning for our own teams and fellow contractors. With the need for consent to enter abandoned properties, we also worked effectively with local residents to gain the information required to contact the appropriate individuals.

Benefits of working with Linbrooke

Successfully formulating a delivery plan and ensuring that every property in the Calder Valley region was successfully reconnected to a power supply, we utilised our robust leadership skills, great delivery capability, strong industrial relationships and our ability to collaborate with others effectively in order to achieve the desired end result. Having resource authorised to work on multi Distribution Network Operator (DNO) networks, we are supported by an industry respected management team with over 100 years' combined operational experience.

Rising to the need for initiative and quick thinking, Linbrooke consistently provide:

- An impeccable health and safety record
- The ability to adjust to project alterations rapidly – and provide alternative solutions when required
- A highly skilled and experienced work force
- Strong relationships with a number of industry experts
- Constant dedication to the needs of the customer(s)

