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Tragic Accident occurs in Montgomery County

Tragedy struck our Mid-South family this morning. Mr. Manuel Ramirez, of Madison County, was fatally injured during tree removal operations to assist in power restoration in Montgomery County south of Lake Conroe. He was employed by MSEC Services, Inc., a sub-contractor and subsidiary of Mid-South Synergy. Mr. Ramirez is survived by his mother, Rosa Ramirez, and his two year old daughter. Our prayers go out to his mother, child, other family members, as well as the Mid-South family, in this tragic loss.

The restoration of power is a dangerous undertaking. Men and women across Texas and the USA place themselves in harm's way on a daily basis making sure that people have power. Now, they are engaged in a massive effort to restore power to the public in the Hurricane Ike

ravaged area. Let us not forget these dedicated electric linemen and utility workers who are risking their lives to restore electric service across Southeast Texas.

As power restoration work continues, our prayers and concerns go out not only to the Ramirez family, but to the men and women in the field all over the country and their families awaiting their return home.

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