When our neighbours to the south needed assistance to rebuild their damaged electrical grid in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Ontario’s utilities and utility contractors answered the call.

According to the Electricity Distributors Association, about 400 electricity distribution workers from 25 Ontario utilities have travelled to Long Island, New York and other Northeastern states to restore power to communities devastated by Hurricane Sandy. As well, utility contractors joined in sending workers from across the province.

Once their own Ontario customers’ power had been restored, crews travelled across the border to help the millions of customers that were without power while those utilities faced the enormous task of repairing the devastated electricity grid.

Workers returned home safely and have provided IHSA with photos of what they saw during their efforts. Special thanks to those utilities and contractors who provided photos. There are more to see on our website at ihsa.ca
London Hydro worked on backyard repairs in Long Island.

Gridlink employees worked long days for three weeks in Vermont and New York. Employees included Cambrian College Powerline Technician student Tegan Denley, seen here in Bedford, New York. She’s now back at school.

PowerStream workers got some help themselves from this little assistant who handed out bottles of water.

London Hydro workers take part in construction in Sayville, New York.

Oakville Hydro workers took to the streets of Hempstead, New York, to help repair the damage done by the hurricane and subsequent “nor’easter.”

PowerTel trucks prepare to cross the border at Highgate Springs, Vermont, just south of Montreal. This was 7 am Monday, October 29, 2012.