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April 18 is National Lineman Appreciation Day in the US. No, I'm not talking about the hulking linemen of your favorite football team; I'm talking about the men and women at utilities that are out in the field doing the dirty work—ensuring that the energy we rely on every day is steadily delivered with minimal disruption.

According to the Linemen at a Glance page on the National Lineman Appreciation Day website, there are approximately 115,000 line workers in the US who service 9 million miles of wire. At that scale, the job already sounds daunting, but a July 2018 Business Insider article The 34 Most Dangerous Jobs in America, placed electrical power-line installers and repairers as one of the most dangerous jobs in America, tied with police and sheriff's patrol officers, due to the risks involved in working with a live electrical current.

Depending on the territory or situation, linemen can be called to work at any hour of the day, often in hazardous conditions—especially during an outage or inclement weather event. And while people may occasionally see linemen working near their home or office, they often take for granted the steady flow of electricity they enjoy daily without thinking about the work that goes into making it possible.

That's why every April 18 utilities across the country take to their social channels with the #thankalineman hashtag to show their appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and commitment to safety that linemen show every day. Here, we offer just a few examples of how utlities celebrate, and if you haven't already, we encourage you to show your line workers the appreciation they deserve.

### Mississippi Power

Mississippi Power lineman Aaron Myers is hosting a "social media takeover" to give customers a glimpse into a day in the life of a lineman.

> Follow the excitement as Aaron Myers will be taking over our social media pages tomorrow

> during National Lineman Appreciation Day. Go on the job with Aaron and learn all about a day in the life of a lineman with this special behind-the-scenes look! #thankalineman pic.twitter.com/rPHdXQgnhx
>
> — Mississippi Power (@MS_Power) April 17, 2019

## FirstEnergy

Video interviews with FirstEnergy linemen highlight some of the most challenging parts of the job.

## Duke Energy

Duke Energy is also getting into the takeover trend as transmission lineman Tyler Coates goes behind-the-scenes on Instagram.

> View this post on Instagram
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> Tune in next week as transmission lineman Tyler Coates takes over our Instagram account to share a behind-the-scenes look at linework leading up to National Lineman Appreciation Day. Follow along on our stories! . . . #thankalineman #transmission #linework #linelife
>
> A post shared by Duke Energy (@duke_energy) on Apr 12, 2019 at 8:40am PDT

## Dixie Power

Dixie Power reminds everyone that the electricity that powers their devices has to come from somewhere.

> View this post on Instagram
>
> I charge my phone every night, how about you? What electrical device can you not live without? Let us know in the comments, and share a quick video of appreciation for our linemen to be entered in to win 1 MONTH OF FREE POWER! Video Submissions at the link below: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvjSSxqNgbfOyAiHhrXayajEPWHh9Y_Rj_YjXIuW1KpmqaEg/viewform #linemanappreciationday #thankyou #dixiepower #buildingcommunity
>
> A post shared by Steven Young (@dixie_power) on Apr 9, 2019 at 11:33am PDT

## Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison asked its followers to share how a lineman has made a difference in their lives.

> National Lineman Appreciation Day is on Wed., April 18th.
>
> To help celebrate and share your support, we'd love to hear how a lineman has made a difference in your life. Share photos and experiences using #ThankALineman.

pic.twitter.com/gmIR0hpFm3

— SCE (@SCE) April 18, 2018

### Alliant Energy

In 2017 Alliant Energy named linemen the “protectors of the power grid.”

### Otter Tail Power Co.

Otter Tail took to Facebook in 2017 to thank its brave linemen for “ensuring we stay safe and warm.”

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