

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Category : Other

Comments : FPL has been granted tons of money in rate increases to prepare the grid for storms. Yet when a relatively minor storm came, they blamed municipalities for downed trees. However, it appears that FPL stopped their annual tree trimming schedule about 5 years back. It's the trees FPL maintains that homeowners and city workers cannot touch that caused broken power lines in our area. If undergrounding the lines is not being seriously considered, it should be. If they won't underground the lines, they should trim much more frequently. Finally, there should be a kill switch that allows solar customers to disengage from the grid after a storm so that we can use our power. This storm showed FPL wasn't remotely ready for a category 3 or higher. We are very appreciative of all the linemen and out-of-state crews who helped to restore power. My criticisms are about company wide policy, not about individuals out restoring power.