

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Category : Power restoration time

Comments : Hurricane Irma showed again how undependable the power grid is when a big storm hits.

When people lose power they lose the ability to cool their homes, maintain life saving medical equipment, and keep & cook food. This has a huge impact on their health & well being. The longer people are without power the worse off people are. Individuals & communities should have the right to use solar and batteries to generate power after the storm. To me this seems like the smart way forward. I think the utilities need to invest in more solar and batteries near our neighborhoods. Or make it easier for customers to buy their own equipment and be able to use it when the grid goes down. Those kinds of technology should be used wherever they can to prepare for hurricanes. We need to make sure all utility companies are building the grid with modern technology and clean energy to make it more dependable, not just rebuilding the same old power lines that keep going down when we need them the most.