

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Comments : Time and again after hurricanes have taken down the power grid, people have been forced to live without critically important electrical power. I'm not referring to tv, dishwashers or washing machines and the like, but to necessary functions to sustain life. Food spoiling in refrigerators and freezers means a financial loss or a risk of food poisoning. No hot water to clean ourselves. Risky candles to light our way. No way to cook our food, get information, charge our phones, keep warm, or prevent hypothermia. Yes, we in Florida are aware that we must prepare for the chance a hurricane will hit us, but we want our utility service to be prepared also.

A solar power source in every home is the answer, in my opinion. A utility company could install and charge a usage fee, just as is done with grid power. More, it's not limited to outages, either, but customers could opt to use their solar source and the meter would track that use to be included in the customers' invoice.