

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Comments : Hurricane Irma showed again how undependable the power grid is when a big storm hits. My family lives in Cape Coral and we were lucky enough to be able to borrow a generator while our power was out, but getting fuel to run it was almost impossible. It was a lousy stop-gap for a devastating situation.

I have heard stories about families and businesses that were able 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 and to ween us off fossil fuels. We need to make sure LCEC is 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.