

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. Here my mobile home park close to half of our 500+ homes were left without power for 4-5 days. This was especially hard as many of the people who live here are elderly and in need of various types of life giving medical devices.

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. Those kinds of technology should be used wherever they can to prepare for hurricanes. We need to make sure LCEC and FP&L expand their use of new modern solar and battery storage technology to make it more dependable, not just rebuilding the same old power lines that keep going down when we need them.