Florida Electric Cooperatives Prepare for Tropical Storm Dorian

Tallahassee, FL - Electric cooperatives across Florida are completing preparations and activating emergency plans ahead of Tropical Storm Dorian’s landfall.

"As Tropical Storm Dorian strengthens and makes a path towards Florida, the electric cooperatives are once again prepared for a strong storm with anticipated power outages," said Mike Bjorklund, General Manager of the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association. "As always, safety is our number one priority, for both our co-op employees and our members. We continually work with restoration personnel from Florida and neighboring states to coordinate and deliver a comprehensive power restoration process. These additional crews and resources are crucial to Florida's electric co-ops restoration process. Restoration personnel will begin working as soon as conditions are within safety parameters."

As the storm passes, impacted Florida co-ops will conduct damage assessments, while implementing power restoration plans.

Depending on the amount of damage, power restoration typically follows these steps to ensure the largest number of consumer-members are restored in the shortest amount of time:

* Transmission Line Repairs. These supply power to one or more substations.
* Substation Repairs. A substation serves thousands of homes and businesses.
* Main Distribution Line Repairs. Each line serves a portion of consumer-members from each substation.
* Tap Line Repair. These serve smaller groups of members from the main distribution lines.
* Individual Services Repair. These lines serve individual homes and buildings.

Florida's 15 electric distribution cooperatives provide power to nearly 2.4 million Floridians across 54 counties from the Florida Keys to the panhandle.

The Florida Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. is a not for profit, statewide trade association representing Florida's 15 electric distribution cooperatives and two generation and transmission cooperatives.

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