

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Comments : It is clear that the resulting loss of power for multiple days (6-10 days) from an INDIRECT hurricane hit should alarm the public and the utility storm plan managers. The billions spent over the last 10 years to "harden the system" only resulted in a slight improvement in restoration times since 2005. A DIRECT hit would clearly result in power loss for weeks, if not months. As a non-technical person, the power delivery system must be reviewed again by experts to determine if ways to improved to deliver power exist-underground maybe??) or, if not feasible, then a large public campaign stressing that power users are "on their own" must be implemented so individual business and home owners can create independent back-up plans. The time to act is soon as customers are currently willing to bear increased costs to improve the system but this support might fade. Sooner or later a direct hit will happen Thank you.