

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Comments : Let me start by saying I would not want to be a utility provider in a state that is hurricane-prone.

HOWEVER, if I WERE a utility provider, I would certainly do everything i could to install utility lines UNDERGROUND, regardless of the cost. I know the upfront costs are higher than poles, which date to 1844. THAT'S 173 YEARS AGO. I know they durable and renewals, but the cost of replacing them AND all of the lines/downed trees that fall with every storm has to be cumulatively more expensive than putting utilities underground.

Please insist that in places where underground utilities are feasible that FP&L - for any future construction or for any planned rebuilding - install utilities underground so that we do not have to rely on a Honda generator for 8 days again NEXT TIME there's another storm. Areas with underground utilities fared just fine, thank you. We should be able to, too. It's 2017 now. It's OK to modernize.