

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Zip Code : 34668

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Comments : Shame on America! Soviet Union replaced all the rotten wooden electric poles on its humongous territory in the 1960's and 1970's with either underground cable system or steel-reinforced concrete poles. Recently I traveled on the road from Davao to Digos in the Philippines. This third world poor country has steel reinforced concrete electric poles on the side of that 65 km. road and in most other places. You can travel in the entire Europe and not see even a single wooden pole. In the "rich and powerful" United States of America, however, you see those 50, 60, 70, 80-years old rotten wooden poles everywhere, including in downtowns of its major cities. So when a stronger wind blows, they crack and fall and entire communities are without power. Poor America! Isn't it time to throw out the window our pride, fall on our knees before the world and start asking for donations?