

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Comments : FPL's claims of strengthening the grid may seem like a great press release but in reality there are hole in its claims. A widely reported statement from FPL and one that is on its website "We've examined our processes and developed a line-clearing schedule that enhances our system's reliability while focusing our resources efficiently and wisely. On average, the main power lines (feeders) are cleared every three years and the neighborhood power lines (laterals) are cleared every six years. FPL completes the majority of scheduled line clearing before the height of storm season to help minimize the amount of debris that can fly into poles and wires during the windy weather." is not true. I have lived in the same home since 1988 and FPL has never once cleared the trees behind my home. I have, over the years, made many request for them to do so. In June of this year I called FPL and was directed to a local supervisor who told me trimming local lines are the responsibility of the homeowner.