

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Comments : How can FPL justify charging consumers for the restoration of power post Hurricane Irma when the company was ill prepared to deal with the storm in the first place. Supposedly after Hurricane Wilma the infrastructure of FPL's grid was being reinforced to withstand a higher category hurricane than Wilma's category 1 or 2 (debateable)? What would it have been like here in Fort Lauderdale had we suffered a direct hit from a category 4 or even 5 storm? Would the restoration of power be on par with that of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria? I feel FPL and its parent NextEra Energy should share proportionally in the cost of power restoration. Being an active participant in the cost of post hurricane restoration would certainly help to put into perspective the need for greater reinvestment in shoring up what failed during Irma. A postmortem needs to be conducted of how well the utility's infrastructure held up and where failures occurred to ensure as much fortification as possible