

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

Docket No : 20170215-EU

Name :

Electric Utility Provider : FPL

Zip Code : 33480

Category : Other

Comments : The Power in the south end of the Town of Palm, which is supplied via multiple subaqueous crossings through the ICW from West Palm Beach, went out at the same time during the beginning of Hurricane Irma and was restored at the same time nearly four days later. It appears that the cause of the power outage was not the storm but a decision by FPL to shut down the power in anticipation of it being disrupted by the storm. I believe this may have been done intentionally in anticipation of storm conditions and in consideration that there would be less damage to the distribution system if power was purposely shut off instead of it being shut off by the storm while the system was energized. I recognize this may be a valid decision but if it is, the public should be made aware of it so that they could plan accordingly. The PSC should determine if this is what happened and consider if the public should be informed of this procedure in prior similar situations.