

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Comments : Hurricane Irma showed once again how undependable the power grid is when a big storm hits.

We (and our neighbors in Miami Shores) were without power for ONE FULL WEEK after hurricane Irma hit.

I have heard stories about families and businesses that were able to use solar and batteries to generate power after the storm. To me this seems like the smart way forward. I think the utilities need to invest in more solar and batteries near our neighborhoods. Or make it easier for customers to buy their own equipment AND to be able to USE IT WHEN THE GRID GOES DOWN. Those kinds of technology should be used wherever they can to prepare for hurricanes. We need to make sure FPL is building the grid with modern technology and clean energy to make it more dependable, not just rebuilding the same old power lines that keep going down when we need them the most.

FPL also needs to increase the net metering rate it pays. The rate it pays is a pittance compared to the rate it charges to customers.