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Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Comments: Hurricane Irma showed again how undependable the power grid is when a big storm hits. My electric electric is so undependable we are on the end of a circuit so always first without power and last to have it turned on. My power was off the morning Irma began making landfall when most did not loose power until that night

I was one of the families that waited over 10 days for power. If 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 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 Glades Electric Co op 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 th