

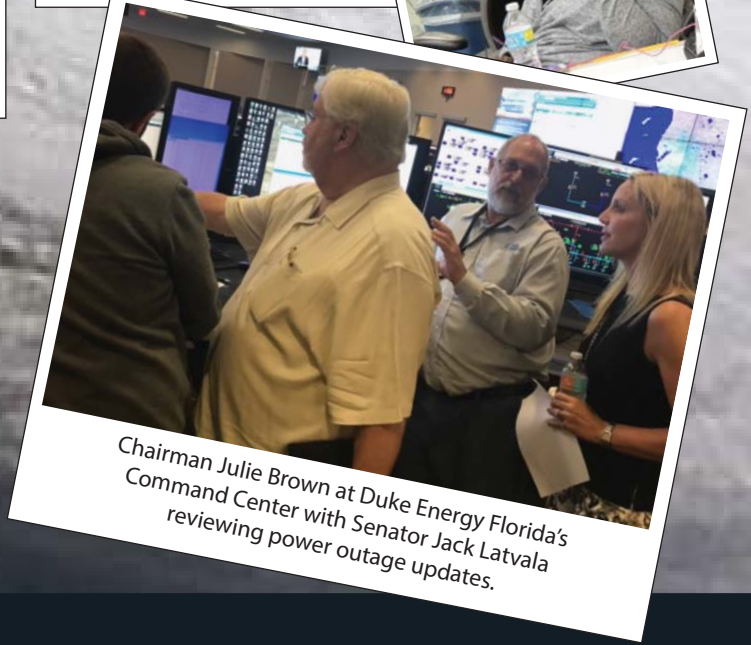
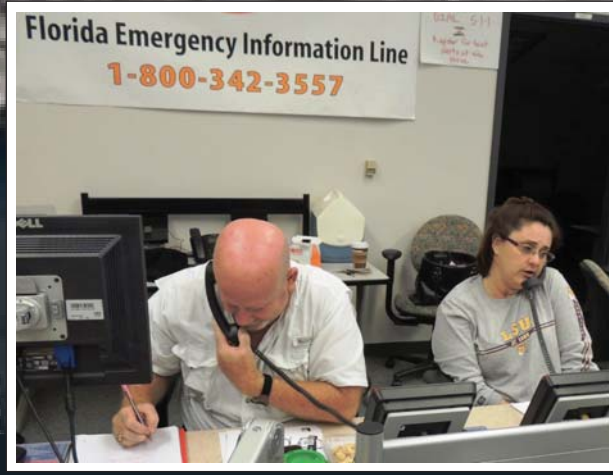
# Hurricane Irma Strikes Florida



Chairman Julie Brown visited Tampa Electric Company's mobile command center and met many dedicated TECO employees, who worked 16-hour days to restore power.



PSC staff manned Florida's Emergency Information Line from 10:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. on September 7, fielding calls from residents needing Hurricane Irma evacuation or preparation assistance.



Chairman Julie Brown at Duke Energy Florida's Command Center with Senator Jack Latvala reviewing power outage updates.

Florida hadn't experienced a Category 4 hurricane in more than a decade when Irma hit the Florida Keys on September 10. The massive storm continued to travel up the state, impacting most of Florida. With 6.7 million customers without power immediately following Irma, Florida's electric utilities worked around-the-clock to get families, businesses, and communities back to normal as safely and quickly as possible. Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) staff manned Florida's Emergency Operations Center ESF-12 Power, monitoring power restoration efforts across the state. Chairman Julie Brown has already begun to think about what the PSC can do to ensure everyone involved in the power restoration process implements lessons learned from the storm.