



# FPSC Hurricane Preparedness Workshop May 17, 2022

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# FPL is the state's largest utility, serving more than half of Florida's population

**43** counties served **35,550** square miles 77,400 miles of distribution lines 9,174 miles of transmission lines **1.4 million** poles **1.1 million** transformers **832** substations

vast majority of customers live within 20 miles of coast



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# **Storm Preparation and Restoration Processes**

### Annual Preparation

- Corporate-wide dry-run drill week of May 9 13
  - Engage strategic partners
- Implementing technology improvements to enhance storm damage forecasting/restoration processes
- Conducted incident management training workshops

#### Mutual Aid Organizations/Agreements

- Southeastern Electric Exchange (SEE)
- Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
- Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group, Inc. (FCG)
- Association of Edison Illuminating Companies (AEIC)
- Pre-negotiate contracts with restoration vendors







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# **Customer/Stakeholder Outreach and Communication**

### Use multiple channels/methods for customer communications

- before, during, and after a storm
- News releases and daily press conferences
- Communicating Estimated Time of Restoration (ETR) and restoration progress
- Targeted ads and customer emails
- Media interviews in hardest hit areas

### Use digital/face-to-face communications

- Social media for prep and safety messages, as well as restoration updates
- FPL Mobile App available from the App Store or Google Play
- Community response kiosks in hardest hit areas

Provide daily emails/updates to Govt. Portal Website (where applicable) – includes localized outage/restoration info





# **Customer/Stakeholder Outreach and Communication**

- Conducting annual storm preparedness meetings with all EOCs
  - Establishing 2022 plans for support at local EOCs, including staffing of embedded FPL employees at EOCs during events
  - Updating the Critical Infrastructure Facility and priority list
- Continuing customer outreach meetings/presentations
  - More than 1,000 presentations annually
  - Presentations cover various topics (e.g., storm readiness and Right Tree Right Place)
- FPL provides information on how to safely operate private generation systems (generators and private solar systems) after a power outage



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# **Vegetation Management**

### Distribution

- Feeders: 3-year avg. cycle (+ mid-cycle maintenance)
- Laterals: 6-year avg. cycles
- Miles maintained (2021)
  - Feeders: 13,266 miles (4,552 cycle; 8,714 mid-cycle)
  - Laterals: 3,448 miles
- Before peak of storm season inspect/maintain CIFs

### Transmission

- Inspect and Protect Program
  - Inspect right-of-way at least 2 times per year
  - Maintain clearances (2021): 9,060 miles
  - Meet mandatory NERC-established requirements
- Before peak of storm season perform aerial patrols





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# **Pole / Structure Inspections**

### 1.4 million distribution poles

- 8-year inspection cycle
- In 2021 178,400 inspected
  - Wood: 163,662 poles
  - Concrete: 14,735 poles

#### 81,058 transmission structures

- 100% annual visual inspection
- Inspection cycles:
  - Wood: 6-year cycle
  - Concrete/steel: 10-year cycle





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### **Lessons Learned**

### Two storms affected FPL / Gulf in 2021: Elsa and Fred

- Experiences reinforce FPL's processes/initiatives
  - Pre-staging resources/materials
  - Use of non-traditional resources
  - Hardening beneficial
- Consolidation of best practices and coordination between Gulf & FPL

### Mutual assistance provided in 2021:

- February Winter Storm (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia)
- Gulf Power April Storm (Florida)
- Tropical Storm Henri (New York)
- Hurricane Ida (Louisiana)









# **Questions?**

