

# **Tropical Cyclone Michael | Report #17 - FINAL**

REPORT TIME & DATE: 12:30 PM EDT | Friday, October 19, 2018

**INCIDENT START DATE:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018

PRIMARY LOCATION(S): Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia

**REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** Public

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Hurricane Michael made landfall near Mexico Beach, Florida as a category 4 storm on Wednesday October 10, then moved across Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and southeastern Virginia on October 11, before moving into the Atlantic. Michael caused significant damage to portions of the Florida Panhandle and southwestern Georgia and numerous power outages across the affected region.

## **Electricity Sector Summary**

- Customer Outages as of 11:00 AM EDT:
  - o Florida: 103,000 customer outages (1%), decrease of 9% since last report
  - o Georgia: 22,000 customer outages (0.5%), decrease of 29% since last report
  - Total: 125,000 customer outages, decrease of 11% since last report
- Restoration efforts are underway across the affected region. Efforts in the hardest-hit areas may be prolonged due the level of damage, which will require partial system rebuilds.
- As of October 19, 98.9% of customers in Florida and 99.5% of customers in Georgia have power.
- Fluctuation in the outage numbers is expected and normal during large-scale restoration efforts.
- Mutual assistance networks have been activated. At the peak over 36,000 personnel, from 27 states, were supporting the restoration efforts. Utilities report that all resource needs are met.

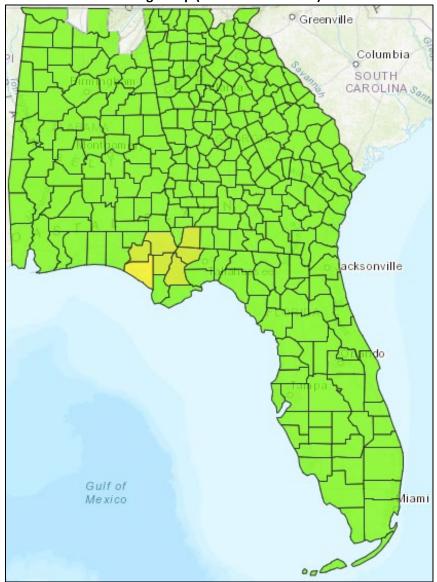
## Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary

- For the week ending on October 12, gasoline stocks in the Lower Atlantic Region (WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, and FL), were 12% higher than the 5-year average for this time of year.
- As of 9:00 AM October 19, 4.7% of Florida gas stations (including 27% of Florida Panhandle stations), 3.3% of Georgia gas stations (including 12% of Southwest Georgia stations), and 2.2% of Alabama gas stations were reported out-of-service due to lack of fuel and/or power. Not all stations have been updated following the storm.

## **ELECTRICITY SECTOR**

## **POWER OUTAGES**

## Outage Map (as of 12:00 PM EDT)



ELECTRICITY OUTAGES AS OF 11:00 AM EDT 10/19/2018							
Impacted State	Current	Percent of Total Customers	24-Hour Peak				
	<b>Customers Outages</b>	in State without Power	<b>Customer Outages</b>				
Florida	103,000	1.02%	114,000				
Georgia	22,000	0.46%	31,000				
Total	125,000	-	*				

<sup>\*</sup>There is no sum of the Peak Customer Outage column because peaks for individual utilities occur at different times; a total would not reflect peak outages.

#### **ELECTRICITY IMPACTS & RESTORATION EFFORTS**

• Crews in the impacted area continue to perform damage assessments and restorations. Some restorations in the hardest hit areas may be prolonged due to the extent of damage.

- DOE estimates that less 0.4% of total customers in Georgia and less than 0.5% of total customers in Florida are in the hardest-hit areas, where full restoration may take several weeks; however, many customers in these areas may have power restored earlier.
- At the peak of the response, the electric industry mobilized over 35,000 personnel, including utility crews, contractors, and mutual assistance workers from 27 states to support the restoration efforts.
- Utilities report that all resource needs, including materials, are met at this time.
- The electricity industry is working with communication utilities and providers to coordinate restoration efforts and minimize interruption or additional impacts to communication infrastructure.
- The electric industry has mobilized over 36,000 personnel, including utility crews, contractors, and mutual assistance workers from 27 states to support the restoration efforts.
- Fluctuation in the outage numbers is expected and normal during large-scale restoration efforts.

### Florida

- Significantly Impacted Utilities
  - Gulf Power (Southern Company): 45,489 Customer Outages
  - West Florida Electric Cooperative: 12,863
  - Talquin Electric Coop: 8,942 Customer Outages

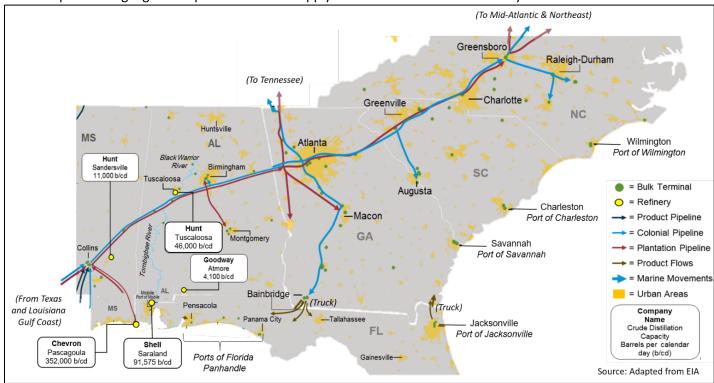
### Georgia

- Significantly Impacted Utilities
  - Mitchell EMC: 8,256 Customer Outages
    Grady EMC: 2,122 Customer Outages

## **PETROLEUM SECTOR**

### PETROLEUM SECTOR OVERVIEW

The map below highlights the petroleum fuels supply chain in the area threatened by Hurricane Michael.



## **PORTS**

• All ports in the Southeast have fully reopened except for Panama City, which is open with restrictions (daylight operations only) as of Oct. 12. The Port of Panama City has reported significant damage but is expected to reopen by Oct. 27. The Port has commercial power.

### **FUEL STOCKS**

For the week ending on October 12, the Lower Atlantic Region (WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, and FL) had 28.6 million barrels of total gasoline stocks, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). This is 12% higher than the 5-year average for this time of year. For the week ending on October 12, the Lower Atlantic Region had 12.1 million barrels of total distillate stocks, according to EIA. This is just less than the 5-year average for this time of year.

#### **RETAIL FUEL STATIONS**

As of 9:00 AM October 19, 4.7% of Florida gas stations (including 27% of Florida Panhandle stations),
 3.3% of Georgia gas stations (including 12% of Southwest Georgia stations), and 2.2% of Alabama gas stations were reported out-of-service were reported out-of-service due to lack of fuel, lack of power, or both, according to GasBuddy.com.

Disclaimer: <u>Data may not be current</u>. 89% of stations in Pensacola, 87% in Panama City, 84% in Tallahassee, 38% in Thomasville, 38% in Albany, and 60% in Dothan have updated status since 10/09/18.



## **EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & WAIVERS**

### **EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

To provide vital supplies and transportation services to a disaster area in the United States, emergency declarations may be issued by the President, Governors of States, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). These declarations trigger the temporary suspension of certain Federal safety regulations, including Hours of Service, for motor carriers and drivers engaged in specific aspects of the emergency relief effort. See 49 CFR 390.23 for the actual emergency regulation.

State Emergency Declarations and HOS Waivers as of 7:30 AM EDT 10/13/2018								
State*	Details	Effective Dates		Status				
	Details	Start	End	Status				
AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN	FMCSA Regional Emergency Declaration	10/09	11/09	Active				
Florida*	State of Emergency Declaration	10/07	12/06	Active				
South Carolina**	State of Emergency Declaration	10/08	11/07	Active				
Alabama	State of Emergency Declaration	10/08	11/07	Active				
Georgia*	State of Emergency Declaration	10/09	10/16	Active				
North Carolina*	State of Emergency Declaration	10/10	Until Rescinded	Active				
Kentucky	State of Emergency Declaration	10/10	11/10	Active				
Virginia	State of Emergency Declaration	10/11	11/11	Active				

Sources: U.S. Department of Transportation; Governor Office Websites

#### **FUEL WAIVERS**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), working with the Department of Energy (DOE), responds quickly to address fuel supply disruptions caused by hurricanes or other natural disasters by issuing emergency waivers of certain fuel standards in affected areas. The table below lists fuel-related waivers issued by the EPA:

Fuel Waivers as of 7:30 AM EDT 10/13/2018						
Chaha	Waiver		<b>Effective Dates</b>			
State			End	Status		
Florida	Restriction on red-dyed diesel fuel for highway use.		10/26	Active		
	Allows the sale, distribution, and use of red dyed non-road locomotive and					
	marine (NRLM) diesel fuel for use in utility, emergency response and other	10/12				
	diesel-powered highway vehicles responding to/assisting in recovery efforts					
	in the panhandle area of Florida. Diesel fuel must meet the 15ppm standard.					

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; State Governments

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 35 counties in northern Florida, 108 counties in southern Georgia, and 66 counties in North Carolina. See Declarations for the full listing.

<sup>\*\*</sup>South Carolina issued a thirty day extension of its Hurricane Florence emergency declaration

#### OTHER FEDERAL WAIVERS

On October 10, PHMSA issued an Emergency Stay of Enforcement for pipeline and LNG facility operators affected by Hurricane Michael. Under the stay, PHSMA does not intend to take enforcement action relating to operators' temporary noncompliance with operator qualification requirements found in 49 C.F.R. §§ 192.801–192.809 and 195.501–195.509, or pre-employment and random drug testing requirements found in 49 C.F.R. § 199.105(a), (c) arising from the use of personnel for pipeline activities related to response and recovery. The stay which went into effect on October 10 will remain in effect for 45 days until November 24, unless PHMSA determines an extension is required. In addition, on October 10, PHMSA issued an Emergency Assistance Personnel waiver for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina affected by Hurricane Michael. For 30 days following October 10, PHMSA waived the notice required under 49 U.S.C. § 60118(d), which necessitates a 60-day review period for States to notify PHMSA that it intends to waive a pipeline safety regulation adopted by the State pursuant to State certification under 49 U.S.C. § 60105 for the above listed requirements.