



## Hurricane Fiona | Update #2

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As of 2:00 PM EDT, Hurricane Fiona was 30 miles north-northeast of North Caicos Island, moving north-northwest at nine MPH with maximum sustained winds of 115 MPH. Puerto Rico is no longer under Tropical Storm warning. The center of Hurricane Fiona passed over southwestern and western Puerto Rico on September 18, with heavy rains from outer bands of the storm continuing across the region on September 19. Localized flash and urban flooding due to swells continues to affect Puerto Rico.

#### Electricity Sector Summary

- As of 1:00 PM EDT, Puerto Rico had approximately 1.18 million outages (80% of customers). LUMA has restored approximately 299,000 customers as of 1:00 PM EDT on September 20.
- On the afternoon of September 18, Puerto Rico experienced an island-wide power outage due to impacts to distribution and transmission damage from Hurricane Fiona, which caused a system imbalance that tripped generation units offline. Following the island-wide outage, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), in coordination with the transmission and distribution operator LUMA, began procedures to restart generation and restore customers.
- Damage assessments and restoration efforts are expected to get underway on September 19, as conditions permit. Due to the magnitude and scope of the outage, as well as the impacts from Hurricane Fiona, LUMA reports that full power restoration will take at least several days.

#### Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary

- As of September 20, all ports on Puerto Rico have been reopened. The port of San Juan is currently operating on Daylight Only restrictions.
- Initial reports indicate that Puerto Rico has adequate supplies of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and bunker fuel as of September 17.

**Note:** The DOE Situation Reports will no longer provide detailed updates on the U.S. Virgin Islands. There are no known major issues affecting the U.S. Virgin Islands at this time; however, reports will be updated if there are any new issues or major developments.

**DOE ACTIONS****DOE ENERGY RESPONSE ORGANIZATION (ERO): ACTIVATED**

- The DOE Energy Response Organization (ERO) is activated and closely monitoring restoration efforts following impacts from Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The ERO and field responders are in regular contact with industry partners and local officials.
- DOE ESF #12 responder were deployed to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands on September 15. ESF #12 subject matter experts are working with PREPA and LUMA to assess additional need to help support restoration efforts.

**DOE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF) #12 DEPLOYMENTS:**

- FEMA Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) – San Juan, Puerto Rico
- FEMA Region II Response Coordination Center – Colts Neck, New Jersey
- *Note: DOE responders deployed to St. Thomas and St. Croix have repositioned to Puerto Rico*



## ELECTRICITY SECTOR

### POWER OUTAGES

- As of 1:00 PM EDT, Puerto Rico had approximately 1.18 million outages (80% of customers). LUMA has restored approximately 299,000 customers as of 1:00 PM EDT on September 20.
- As of 3:00 PM EDT, there were approximately 656 outages (1% of customers) in the U.S. Virgin Islands, down from a storm peak of 14,000 outages.
- Fluctuation in the outage numbers is expected and normal during large-scale restoration efforts.

Hurricane Fiona Customer Power Outages <i>as of 3:00 PM EDT 9/20/22</i>				
Territory	Current Outages	% of Territory Without Power	Peak Outages	% Restored from Peak
Puerto Rico	1,177,835 as of 1 PM EDT	80% as of 1 PM EDT	1,477,000	20%
U.S. Virgin Islands	656 as of 3 PM EDT	1%	14,009	95%



## STATE AND TERRITORY DETAILS

## PUERTO RICO

**Background**

- Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) is the government-owned agency that supplies electricity to Puerto Rico and is the largest public electric utility by customer count in the United States. PREPA owns the transmission and distribution system on the island, as well as approximately 86% of generation assets. LUMA Energy operates the island's transmission and distribution system.
- Grid infrastructure, including generation facilities, continues to be rebuilt after sustaining damage caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 and a 6.4 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks in early 2020. In January 2020, a major seismic event and series of aftershocks on the southern side of the Puerto Rico damaged several generation facilities, limiting PREPA's available reserve margins.

**Storm Updates**

- Damage assessments and restoration are underway. Additional personnel, equipment, and materials are expected to arrive over the next several days to support damage assessments and restorations efforts.
- Due to the magnitude and scope of the outage, as well as the effects of Hurricane Fiona, LUMA reports that full power restoration could take several days.
- LUMA and PREPA are engaged in calls to coordinate mutual assistance as needed.
- On the afternoon of September 18, Puerto Rico experienced an island-wide power outage due to impacts to distribution and transmission damage from Hurricane Fiona, which caused a system imbalance that tripped generation units offline. Following the island-wide outage, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), in coordination with the transmission and distribution operator LUMA, began procedures to restart generation, enabling restoration of some customers.

## OIL AND NATURAL GAS SECTOR

**Puerto Rico and the USVI** have no active on-island refining capacity and instead import petroleum products through their ports.

**In Puerto Rico**, petroleum products—primarily residual fuel, motor gasoline, and distillate fuel—are imported to the island primarily through the ports of San Juan, Ponce, and Yabucoa. In total, Puerto Rico imports approximately 130,000 barrels per day (b/d) of petroleum products. Fuels imported to Puerto Rico are primarily used for transportation (gasoline, diesel) and electricity generation (fuel oil).

From the major ports and associated port terminals, products are barged to smaller ports and/or trucked to terminals and end users. There are no petroleum pipelines on the island, aside from a short pipeline carrying jet fuel from the San Juan port to the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport. Puerto Rico's power sector is highly reliant on petroleum fuels. In 2021, natural gas and residual fuel oil generation provided the largest shares of Puerto Rico's net electricity generation at 47% and 23% respectively. Coal generation provided the third-largest share at 18%, followed by distillate fuel oil at 10%. Nearly all natural gas is imported as liquefied natural gas (LNG) through the Peñuelas terminal in Ponce and through San Juan for electricity generation.

**In the USVI**, petroleum products are imported primarily through the Christiansted port and Limetree Bay on St. Croix and the Charlotte Amalie port on St. Thomas. In total, approximately 41,000 b/d of products are imported into the USVI. Fuels imported to the USVI are primarily used for transportation (gasoline) and electricity generation (propane and fuel oil). On St. Thomas, LPG is moved by truck from Charlotte Amalie to WAPA storage terminals in Krum Bay, near the Randolph Harley power plant. Additionally, as of 2020, a mid-size LPG-carrying vessel periodically moors off St. Thomas as floating storage. The vessel can directly supply the St. Thomas LPG terminal and can supply fuel to the LPG terminal on St. Croix via a smaller shuttle vessel. The Limetree Bay Refinery is inactive as of early 2022, although the new owners of the facility have expressed interest in resuming operations in the future. Limetree Bay continues to operate as a fuel terminal with 34 million barrels of crude oil, refined products, and propane storage capacity.



**PORTS**

- The U.S. Coast Guard has set the following conditions for ports and waterways as a result of Hurricane Fiona. Listed in the table are select ports that receive petroleum products.

<b>Status of Puerto Rico Ports as of 3 PM EDT 09/20/2022</b>			
<b>Port</b>	<b>Inbound Products* (b/d)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Stamp</b>
San Juan	49,000	Open With Restrictions – Daylight Operations Only	9/19/22
Ponce	35,000	Open. Portcon 4	9/20/22
Guayanilla	2,000	Open. Portcon 4	9/20/22
Fajardo/Yabucoa	45,000	Open. Portcon 4	9/19/22
Mayaguez	A,B	Open. Portcon 4	9/20/22
Arecibo	A,B	Open. Portcon 4	9/20/22
Guayama	A,B	Open. Portcon 4	9/20/22
Roosevelt Roads	A	Open. Portcon 4	9/19/22
Salinas/Aguirre	A,B	Open. Portcon 4	9/20/22

Source USVI: Gasoline and fuel oil: EIA Company Level Imports (2019); Distillate, Jet, and Propane: U.S. Customs data

\*includes gasoline, distillates, jet kerosene, fuel oil, and LGP

<sup>A</sup> No direct foreign imports but receives petroleum products from larger ports by barge.

<sup>B</sup> Receives fuel for oil-fired power plant.

**PETROLEUM TERMINALS/STORAGE**

- Initial reports indicate that Puerto Rico has adequate supplies of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and bunker fuel as of September 17.

## 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.

Emergency Declarations and HOS Waivers <i>as of 3:30 PM EDT 09/19/2022</i>				
State/Territory	Details	Effective Dates		Status
		Start	End	
Puerto Rico	<a href="#">State of Emergency</a>	9/17	Until Rescinded	Active
Puerto Rico	<a href="#">Presidential Emergency Declaration</a>	9/18	Until Rescinded	Active

Sources: Territory government websites

