EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
As of 8:00 AM EDT, September 28, Hurricane Ian was about 55 miles west southwest of Naples, FL, moving north-northeast at 10 MPH with maximum sustained winds of 155 MPH. On the forecast track, the center of Ian is expected to approach the west coast of Florida this morning and move onshore later today. Ian is forecasted to make landfall on the west coast of Florida as a catastrophic category 4 hurricane and is expected to weaken after landfall. The center of Ian is forecasted to move over central Florida tonight and Thursday morning and emerge over the western Atlantic by late Thursday.

Electricity Sector Summary
- There are 102,000 customer outages in Florida as of 8:00 AM EDT, September 28.
- Tampa Electric has proactively shutting off power to a small portion of an evacuated area of downtown Tampa to protect against damage to underground equipment from saltwater surge. Tampa Electric expects this action to significantly shorten restoration time after the storm.
- As Ian passes, utilities will begin damage assessments and restoration efforts, as conditions permit. Utilities in the impacted area pre-staged crews, equipment, and materials in prior days to prepare for the storm.

Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary
- Stocks of gasoline and distillate (diesel) fuel in PADD 1C – Lower Atlantic, which includes Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, were within the five-year range as of September 16.
- Increased demand from evacuees and consumers topping-off tanks prior to Hurricane Ian have led to temporary spot outages at some retail stations.
- As of September 28, the ports of Tampa, Manatee, and Canaveral are closed. Other Florida ports remain open or are open with restrictions.
- As of 12:30 PM EDT, September 27, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) reported that approximately 11% of current oil production and 8.56% of natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico had been shut-in. Additionally, personnel have been evacuated from 12 production platforms and four DP rigs have halted operations and moved out of the storm’s path.

DOE ACTIONS
- The DOE Energy Response Organization (ERO) is activated and closely monitoring restoration efforts, following impacts from Hurricane Fiona.
- DOE responders remain deployed to Puerto Rico and supporting FEMA Coordination Centers:
  - FEMA National Response Coordination Center – Washington, DC
  - FEMA Region III Response Coordination Center – Philadelphia, PA
  - FEMA Region IV Response Coordination Center – Atlanta, GA
EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & WAIVERS

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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.

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