



Hurricanes Maria & Irma

January 17 Event Summary (Report #87)

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As of the week of December 4, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will issue a single situation report per week, with updates on the response and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, at 12:00 PM EST on Wednesdays.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) continues to support restoration and recovery efforts related to Hurricanes Maria and Irma. An ESF #12 responder and subject matter experts from the DOE Power Marketing Administration remain deployed to Puerto Rico to provide technical assistance to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA. ESF #12 responders deployed to the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) demobilized on January 12.

Electricity Sector Summary (as of 11:00 AM EST Wednesday)

- **Puerto Rico:** PREPA reports that 82.9% of normal peak load and 63.5% of customers (935,289) have been restored and all 78 municipalities are at least partially energized.
- **USVI:** VIWAPA reports that approximately 46,710 customers across the USVI have been restored (84.4% of total customers and 95% of eligible customer). Approximately 17% of total customers on St. Thomas, 16% of total customers on St. Croix, and 6% of total customers on St. John remain without power.

Oil and Natural Gas Sector Summary (as of 11:00 AM EST Wednesday)

- As of January 17, a total of 970 out of 1,100 retail gas stations are operational on Puerto Rico.
- Fuel stocks are adequate across the region; however, DOE continues to monitor the situation in coordination with the Energy Information Administration.

ELECTRICITY SECTOR

Puerto Rico

| ESTIMATED ELECTRICITY OUTAGES AS OF 6:00 AM AST 01/17/2018 | | | | |
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| Impacted Territory | Total Average Peak Load (MW) | Total Average Peak Load Percentage of Pre-Storm Capacity | Estimated Total Customer Outages | Percent of Total Customers without Power* |
| Puerto Rico | 1,822 | 82.90% | 537,600 | 36.5% |

Note: *The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) has begun to report on the number of customers restored.

- As of January 17, Puerto Rico reported that restored load was 82.90% of normal peak load (normal peak load is generally between 2500 and 3000 MW).
- As of January 17, PREPA reported that 63.5% of its customers have power. Based off of this metric, approximately 537,600 customers remain without power on Puerto Rico.
 - Note: This number is a manual estimate by PREPA, which is updated daily.
- On January 15, PREPA reported 71.4% of Puerto Rico’s 56 transmission centers are functioning.
- On January 15, PREPA reported 88.3% of Puerto Rico’s 342 substations are functioning.
- On January 15, PREPA reported 89% of transmission lines or transmission line segments have been restored.
- On the evening of January 15, PREPA reported a total of 3,675 field workers are assisting in the restoration of transmission and distribution systems.
- A significant number of weather-heads, the service drop entry point where power lines enter a building, will need to be repair or replacement. PREPA is coordinating efforts to have weather-heads repaired in sync with distribution feeder repairs to ensure customers are able to receive power as the distribution system is restored.
- DOE is coordinating with PREPA, FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and industry to support restoration efforts, including providing technical subject matter experts and to felicitating mutual assistance.
 - On Monday, October 16, USACE awarded a contract to Fluor to support transmission and distribution systems restoration efforts on Puerto Rico and USACE awarded a second contact to Fluor on December 1.
 - On Wednesday, October 18, USACE awarded a contract to PowerSecure for the repair of the distribution system in the western region of Puerto Rico.
 - Mutual aid crews and equipment from several utilities across the country have or will deployed to Puerto Rico over the next few weeks. Several States have provided guidance to help expedite movement of equipment to shipping locations.



U.S. Virgin Islands

| ELECTRICITY OUTAGES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL | | | |
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| Impacted Territory | Current Total Customer Outages | Percent of Total Customers without Power | Supplemental Utility Personnel |
| St. Thomas | 4,557 | 16.95% | 249 |
| St. John | 203 | 5.81% | 45 |
| St. Croix | 3,899 | 15.60% | 490 |
| USVI Total | 8,659 | 15.64% | 784 |

Note: Outage data is current as of 01/15/2018. St. Thomas customer outage numbers now include data from Water and Hassel islands (0.0% and 100.00% of customers without power, respectively). DOE will continue to validate customer outage data as it is collected. Supplemental Utility Personnel is current as of 01/11/2018.

- As of January 15, the U.S. Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (VIWAPA) reported approximately 8,659 total customers (15.64%) remain without power within the Territory.
 - On St. Thomas, 4,557 total customers (16.95%) were reported to be without power.
 - On St. John, 203 total customers (5.81%) were reported to be without power.
 - On St. Croix, 3,899 total customers (15.60%) were reported to be without power.
- As of January 15, VIWAPA reports that 49,113 of the 55,369 total customers (88.70%) across the Territory are eligible to receive power at this time based on surveys of the condition of each customer meter. Currently, 2,403 eligible customers remain without power
 - VIWAPA has completed a survey of each customer meter to determine the number of customers eligible to receive power. Customers that are not eligible to receive power are due to damage to the structure or electrical meter. The number will be updated as additional customers become eligible.
- As of January 17, there are 784 supplemental personnel were assisting in restoration efforts across the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- VIWAPA has removed electrical meters at locations where damage was apparent to either the meter base and/or weather head and reminding customer that the customer is responsible for ensuring repairs and inspection are complete, which is standard practice during a restoration.



Emergency Declarations & Waivers

EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

- On September 18, Puerto Rico and USVI declared emergencies due to Hurricane Maria. These declarations automatically waived select Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), including hours-of-service (HOS) regulations, for motor carriers hauling resources to aid in restoration. Some HOS waivers applied specifically to the movement of petroleum products. On September 20, President Trump approved a major disaster declaration.
- On September 26, President Trump amended the Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands disaster declarations to authorize increased cost sharing to 100 percent Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures beginning September 17. The declaration includes direct Federal assistance for 180 days from the start of the incident period and a 90 percent Federal cost share thereafter.
- The table below summarizes emergency declarations and hours of service (HOS) waivers issued by states and FMCSA. Please see earlier Situation Reports for details about waivers that have expired.

| State Emergency Declarations and HOS Waivers <i>as of 10:00 AM EST 01/17/2018</i> | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|
| State | Details | Effective Dates | | Status |
| | | Start | End | |
| Regional (Multi-State): Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands | This extension of the Regional Declaration of Emergency addresses ongoing emergency conditions creating a need for immediate transporting of supplies and equipment into the Affected States and jurisdictions or transporting persons into or from the Affected States and jurisdictions or providing other assistance in the form of emergency services during the emergency in the Affected States and jurisdictions resulting from Hurricanes Irma, Jose and/or Maria. | 09/06/2017 | Extension: 03/08/18 | Active |
| Puerto Rico | State of Emergency | Extended: 09/18/17 | -- | Active |
| U.S. Virgin Islands | State of Emergency | Extended: 09/18/17 | -- | Active |

Sources: [U.S. Department of Transportation](#); Governor Office Websites



FUEL WAIVERS

- There are currently no active fuel specification waivers issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). Please see earlier Situation Reports for any needed details about waivers that have since expired.

OTHER WAIVERS

- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - There are currently no active U.S. DOT or the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) waivers. Please see earlier Situation Reports for any needed details about waivers that have since expired.
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - On September 22, the EPA announced that it will exercise enforcement discretion for mobile power generators being imported into the United States that will be used as emergency sources of power in Puerto Rico as a result of Hurricane Maria. EPA will not pursue enforcement actions for certain violations of the Clean Air Act for mobile power generators being imported for use in Puerto Rico that have not been certified to meet U.S. pollution control standards. This covers mobile power generators that are imported for use in Puerto Rico until January 31, 2018.
 - On November 21, the EPA announced that it will extend enforcement discretion for PREPA facilities that have been impacted or damaged by Hurricane Maria through January 31, 2018. The action extends a “no action assurance” issued by EPA on October 6 and will continue to provide the utility relief from some Clean Air Act permit conditions and permitting requirements, including emission limits, hours of operation limits, fuel usage restrictions, and restrictions on the shutdown or bypass of pollution control equipment for most of their electric generating units operating in Puerto Rico.

