

Public Utility Research Center

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Storm Season 2004-2005 7 Storms / 15 Months

2004 Season

FPL

	Event	Affected Customers	Days to Restore
	Charley	874,000	1003%
	Frances	2,786,300	12
	Jeanne	1,737,400	8
	Dennis	508,800	3
	Katrina	1,453,000	8
2005 Season	Rita	140,000	2
	Wilma	3,241,437	18
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Tropical storm force winds

Florida Power & Light 2004 - 2005 Record Breaking Storm Seasons

- 2004 was unprecedented
 - 3 back-to-back storms within 36 days
 - Nearly 47,000 workers from 39 states and Canada
 - 75% restored by third day after each storm
- 2005 is most active and destructive season on record
 - 4 hurricanes affected customers
 - Prepared for 7
 - Nearly 45,500 workers from 36 states and Canada
 - 130 days of storm restoration
- Wilma alone had the largest impact to our infrastructure
 - Largest amount of resources ever acquired
 - Quickest deployment of resources to the field
 - after a major húrricane



2005 Storm Season - Distribution and Transmission Equipment Repaired

• Distribution

- 12,632 poles (FPL & non-FPL)
- 930 miles of OH conductor
- 570 miles of OH service conductor
- 1.1 million OH splices
- 30 miles of UG cable
- 100 miles of UG service cable
- Transmission / Substation
 - 100 structures
 - 7 miles of conductor
 - 1 substation transformers
 - 7 regulators
 - 16 breakers



2005 Storm Season Assessment Forensic Team

- Samples taken to determine and analyze cause of failures on equipment during hurricanes
 - 2,571 observations
 - Observations focused on pole location to capture causes





2005 Storm Season Assessment KEMA

- **Retained independent outside consultant (KEMA):** \bullet
 - Examine performance of FPL facilities
 - Understand whether transmission and distribution structures performed appropriately
 - Distribution Performance Transmission
 - Distribution Standards
 - Quality Processes
 - Pole Maintenance

- Performance
 - Substation Performance
 - Weather Assessment
 - Industry Benchmark



2005 Storm Season Assessment KEMA Findings

- FPL meets or exceeds all required standards
- All quality systems are good
- Performance during Wilma was as expected



Damage during Wilma was
consistent with past hurricanes



Five-Point Storm Secure Plan A Hardening Roadmap

- Significant changes are required in the design, construction and operational of electric systems
 - Evidence of more active multi decade hurricane cycle
 - More heavily and densely populated areas
 - Customer expectations changed
- Development of the Storm Secure Plan for the future Hardening

"Roadmap"





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Years

Five-Point Storm Secure Plan Strengthening the Grid

- Complete Post-Hurricane and Targeted Facility Upgrades
- Step-up Pole Inspections
- Harden the Electrical Network
- Invest in Underground Conversions
- Increase Line Clearing





Five-Point Storm Secure Plan Distribution – Harden the Electrical System

- Adopt the NESC extreme wind velocity zone criteria as the new standard
- System upgrades of facilities through system expansion, relocations and major maintenance/rebuild projects
- Targeted, long term retrofit of existing facilities, that serve critical infrastructure facilities and major thoroughfares



NESC Extreme Wind Map

Vegetation Management

Accelerate Vegetation Management

- Complete 75% before height of storm season
- Evaluate alternative trim cycles
 - Davies consulting retained to determine most cost effective trim cycle
- Promote Right Tree Right Place





2006 CIF Hardening Projects

- Facilities having a direct effect on public health, safety, welfare and security
- Two South Florida ports
 - Port Everglades
 - Port of Palm Beach
- Several South Florida hospitals
 - Jackson / UM Hospital Complex
 - Mt Sinai / Miami Heart
 - Saint Mary's Medical Center



FPL supplies Port Everglades with electricity to distribute the petroleum that supplies nearly one-fifth of Florida's energy requirements



How You Can Help

- Overhead Hardening
 - Need better materials and / or work methods

• Effects of Wind

- Need better wind data at a granular level
- Sustained winds vs. choppy winds
- Testing and wind simulations

Storm Surge

- Need better materials and / or work methods
- Network operations



Questions ?

