



Hurricane Ian | Update #18

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hurricane Ian made landfall on Florida's southwest coast near Fort Myers as a Category 4 hurricane on September 28 and then a second landfall near Georgetown, SC, as a Category 1 hurricane on September 30.

Electricity Sector Summary

- There are approximately 141,000 customer outages in Florida as of 10 AM EDT, October 7, down from a peak of 2.7 million customers without power from the storm. Outages in Florida are down 95% from the peak on September 29.
- Restoration efforts continue across Florida. Electric industry representatives report that at the peak, more than 44,000 workers from 33 states and the District of Columbia were supporting power restorations.
- Overall, Florida utilities report that Ian mainly impacted the distribution system, with no significant damage reported to transmission assets.
- Portions of the electric distribution system will need to be rebuilt in some of the hardest hit areas of Florida. Many customers in these locations are not able to receive power at this time due to damage to the customers' structure and/or customer owned electrical equipment.

Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary

- Maritime ports and fuel distribution terminals have reopened following Hurricane Ian; however, some retail stations remain unavailable due flooding, damage, and/or power outages, as well as delayed deliveries due to flooding, debris, and closed roads and bridges. Retailers are working to keep available retail stations supplied to meet demand.

DOE ACTIONS

- The DOE Energy Response Organization (ERO) is activated in support of restoration efforts following Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona. DOE Emergency Support Function (ESF) – 12 responders are deployed to the following location for Hurricane Ian:
 - FEMA National Response Coordination Center – Washington, DC
 - FEMA Region IV Response Coordination Center – Atlanta, GA
 - Florida State Emergency Operations Center & FEMA Initial Operating Facility – Tallahassee, FL

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.

Emergency Declarations and HOS Waivers <i>as of 8:00 AM EDT 10/2/2022</i>				
State/Territory	Details	Effective Dates		Status
		Start	End	
AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN	FMCSA Regional Emergency Declaration Waiving HOS	9/28	10/28	Active
Florida	Presidential Declaration of Emergency	9/23	Until Rescinded	Active
Florida	State of Emergency, including HOS waiver and waiver of fuel truck registration requirements	9/24	11/22	Active
Florida	Emergency Equipment Transportation Vehicle Size and Weight Limit Waiver	9/24	10/24	Active
Florida	Presidential Disaster Declaration	9/29	Until Rescinded	Active
Florida	Presidential Disaster Declaration for Seminole Tribe	10/1	Until Rescinded	Active
Georgia	State of Emergency	9/29	10/28	Active
South Carolina	State of Emergency	9/28	Until Rescinded	Active
South Carolina	Presidential Declaration of Emergency	9/29	Until Rescinded	Active
North Carolina	Presidential Declaration of Emergency	9/28	Until Rescinded	Active
North Carolina	State of Emergency, including HOS Waiver	9/28	10/27	Active
Virginia	State of Emergency	9/28	10/27	Active
Virginia	Waiver of Registration and Licensing and Weight and Width Waiver	9/28	10/28	Active
Tennessee	Waiver of IRP and IFTA requirements for emergency equipment transportation vehicles	9/29	10/28	Active
Kentucky	State of Emergency, Including HOS Waiver	9/26	10/20	Active

Sources: State government websites, DOT PHMSA website

OTHER WAIVERS

- On October 3, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp announced that he has extended the suspension of both the state gasoline tax and the supply chain state of emergency until November 11 in an effort to mitigate price impacts caused by disruptions on an “already strained” gasoline supply chain post-Hurricane Ian.
- **Gasoline RVP Waiver:** On September 29, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services approved the waiver of fuel volatility standards in the wake of Hurricane Ian. This waiver will allow the sale of [volatility class D-4 fuels](#) in Florida between September 28 and October 31.
- **Dyed Diesel Waiver:** On September 30, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a waiver of dyed diesel penalties for emergency vehicles use on the highways of Florida. This waiver applies to any person that sells or uses dyed diesel fuel in an emergency vehicle for highway use. The relief began on September 28 and will remain in effect until October 19.
- **LNG and Pipeline Stay of Enforcement:** On September 27, PHMSA enacted an [Emergency Stay of Enforcement Waiver](#) for all LNG facilities and hazardous liquid/natural gas pipeline operators affected by Hurricane Ian. The waiver assures operators that PHMSA does not intend on enforcing certification/training requirements for personnel aiding in the restoration effort post Hurricane Ian. This waiver will remain active for 45 days, unless PHMSA determines that it should be extended.