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## **Brunswick Electric ready for Hurricane Dorian impact**

SUPPLY, N.C., (Sept. 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m.) – Members of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) have faced minimal outages thus far due to Hurricane Dorian, despite widespread tornadic activity in the northern and southernmost parts of the cooperative's service territory early this morning.

BEMC's system is designed for resilience. Its year-round Right-of-Way maintenance program minimizes damage to lines from fallen trees and limbs, and more than half of its 6,800 miles of line are buried underground in order to speed post-storm restoration across the service territory.

More than 60 crews are in position and prepared to restore power in anticipation of the storm moving through the service area. Local BEMC line crews have been joined by additional linemen who traveled from unaffected areas to help make power restoration happen as quickly as possible.

Members should report power outages by calling (800) 682-5309 or by going to [bemc.org](http://bemc.org) where they can find storm-related information and resources, including the BEMC outage map, and a video on how the cooperative restores power after a storm. Brunswick Electric's Facebook and Twitter accounts provide real time updates and information as well.

Flooding and downed lines are expected throughout the duration of the storm, and the cooperative encourages everyone to steer clear of these dangers and to not approach a downed line under any circumstances. Members should call Customer Service at (800) 842-5871 to report downed lines.

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*Brunswick Electric is the second largest electric co-op in NC, the 35th largest of more than 700 electric co-ops in the U.S., and serves nearly 98,000 meter locations in Brunswick and Columbus counties, plus small areas of Bladen and Robeson. BEMC is a locally owned not-for-profit corporation committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity to its members. Established in 1939, the co-op has a longstanding tradition of working to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves.*