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THE 79th ANNUAL BEMC MEMBERSHIP MEETING POSTPONED

SUPPLY, N.C. (Sept. 18, 2018, 10:30 a.m.) – Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) announces that the 79TH Annual BEMC Membership Meeting has been postponed. It was scheduled for Saturday, September 22 at Odell Williamson Auditorium at Brunswick Community College. No new date has been set.

“We made the decision to postpone due to our ongoing collective response to Hurricane Florence,” said Heather Holbrook, BEMC spokesperson. “Damage is extensive. All of our resources are focused on 24/7 power restoration efforts, and roads throughout Columbus and Brunswick are impassible. This makes travel difficult for members and even harder for our crews to access all the locations with damage to lines and poles.”

This morning 95% of BEMC’s meters were back on and in service. The outage map showed 400 in Columbus County and 4,500 in Brunswick County without electricity out of a total of approximately 97,000 meter locations across the electric cooperative’s service territory.

The remaining 5% of members currently without power to their homes and businesses are our priority and thanked for their patience.

“Please know that every single person on our lines is included in our restoration plan,” said Don Hughes, BEMC’s General Manager and CEO. “We are aware of your outage and will continue working until power is restored to each and every person on our lines.”

Members and the general public are reminded to be safe. Do not approach downed power lines for any reason and avoid flooded areas. Longer term flooding along rivers and streams can persist for days following a storm. When approaching water on a roadway, remember: Don’t Drown. Turn Around.

BEMC’s outage map, storm press releases and safety information are available at bemc.org. Follow Brunswick Electric on Facebook and Twitter as well for updates.

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BEMC is a locally owned and operated not-for-profit corporation. It is the second largest electric cooperative in North Carolina and serves nearly 97,000 member locations in Brunswick, Columbus, and parts of Bladen and Robeson counties. Founded in 1939, BEMC has a longstanding commitment to the communities it serves, providing support for a wide variety of activities that contribute to the quality of life for all citizens.