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BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC OUTAGES STEADILY DECREASING

Supply, N.C. (Sept. 21, 2018, 4:00 p.m.) – One hundred seventeen members are without electricity since Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) worked to restore power today in areas hardest hit by Hurricane Florence.

“One hundred seventeen are still too many,” said Don Hughes, General Manager and CEO of the 2nd largest electric cooperative in NC. “We will continue working to bring the lights back on for all members, no matter what it takes.”

Power poles and lines were decimated, meters torn off houses, and affected locations were made inaccessible by extreme flooding. Some of BEMC’s hardest-hit areas included the Town Creek area in the northeastern part of Brunswick County, the Crusoe community in Columbus County, as well as Boardman on the border between Robeson and Columbus counties.

The co-op serves 97,000 meter locations in Columbus, Brunswick and small parts of Robeson and Bladen counties. Crews have worked around the clock since last Thursday to steadily restore power to the 82,911 that lost power throughout the 1,500 square mile service territory.

North Carolina has 26 electric cooperatives across the state that serve nearly 1 million households and businesses in 93 counties.

“We thank Brunswick Electric members for their patience throughout the storm, and the many kind words,” said Heather Holbrook, BEMC’s spokesperson. “Crews and co-op employees have worked tirelessly and diligently to rebuild and restore power after the storm’s historic flooding.”

If you are without power, please call Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation at (800) 842-5871 and speak to a Customer Service Representative 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday or call the Outage number at (800) 682-5309 anytime. Visit bemc.org for the outage map, all storm and safety information, and follow Brunswick Electric on Facebook and Twitter.

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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.