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BEMC IS PREPARED FOR THE APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS

Supply N.C. (8/3/2020) – Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) continues to monitor Tropical Storm Isaias as it moves toward the coast of North Carolina. The current track indicates the storm will cross directly over the cooperative’s service area Monday evening into Tuesday morning.

BEMC’s line crews and restoration support personnel stand ready to respond to any power outages caused by Tropical Storm Isaias, which is forecast to bring significant rain and gusty winds that often topple trees and result in power outages.

“Our dedicated and experienced staff is ready, and we have staged additional materials and personnel to assist if needed,” said Josh Winslow, CEO. “Electricity is a critical service and we will work around the clock if restoration is necessary.”

Members are encouraged to prepare now by following a few simple steps:

- **Make a plan.** This year, it is especially important to consider an alternative place to stay if you need to evacuate your home, as shelters will have limited space. [Follow these tips from Ready NC.](#)
- **Assemble an emergency kit.** In addition to a supply of non-perishable food, water and medications, this year, kits should include face masks, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.
- **Charge your cell phone.** This will allow you to stay connected to emergency and safety updates if the power goes out.

Outages can be reported by calling (800) 682-5309, through the SmartHub app, or online at <https://outage-trouble.bemc.org/>. Follow BEMC on Facebook and Twitter for updates throughout the storm and remember, outages should not be reported via social media.

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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 more than 98,000 meter 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.