Puerto Rico Mutual Aid

Hurricane Maria Without Powers

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SMUD

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Presentation Topics

- About SMUD
- Hurricane Maria
- Electric Sector Mutual Aid
- Puerto Rico Deployment
- Lessons Learned



SMUD System Characteristics

- SMUD's Service area is 900 square miles
- Population served is 1.5 million
- 626,500 customers
- 2200 employees
- 477 miles of transmission
- 10,000 miles of distribution
- 2,200 MW of generation, comprised of:
 - Local Thermal (50%)
 - Hydroelectric (20%)
 - Purchased Renewable and Hydro (15%)
 - Other Purchased Power Resources (9%)
 - Solar and Wind (6%)





Hurricane Maria

- Landfall September 20, 2017 as a Category 4, 155 MPH winds, 38" of rainfall
- 64 official fatalities, number likely much higher
- 70,000 homes destroyed, >250,000 damaged
- >\$90B in damages
- 100% of the electric infrastructure damaged
- Approximately 10% of the 3.5M population has left the island
- 43.5% of the population lives below the poverty line
- Both Puerto Rican Territory and PREPA were in bankruptcy proceedings before the hurricane





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Mutual Aid

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Mutual Assistance



California Mutual Assistance



California Utilities Emergency Association Mutual Assistance Agreement



Western U.S. & Canada Mutual Assistance



Western Region Mutual Assistance Agreement

Hosted by the Western Energy Institute





National Mutual Assistance

National Response Event (NRE) Regional Mutual Assistance Groups



Mutual Aid Playbook (MAP)





American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Federated Itates of Micronesia are not shown.

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Industry Organizations





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Hurricane Maria Response

- Hurricane Maria arrived September 20, 2017 two-weeks after Hurricane Irma
- Initial focus was life-safety

not power restoration

 No infrastructure to support mutual assistance



Tracks of the Atlantic basin named tropical cyclones in 2017.



Hurricane Maria Response +7 days

- September 28, 2017, FEMA announces 100% FEMA reimbursement for USVI and Puerto Rico
- USACE assigned as restoration Lead in Puerto Rico with \$335M
- PREPA contracts with Whitefish Energy to coordinate restoration with private contractors



Hurricane Maria Response +40 days

- October 31, 2017, Whitefish Energy contract cancelled. Only 33% of the island restored
- USACE takes over restoration in earnest
- PREPA makes first request for mutual assistance for up to 6 month, long term deployment
- Significant logistics, crew support, and reimbursement concerns



Hurricane Maria Response +69 days

- November 29, 2017, request to stand up industry Incident Management Teams
- EEI provides help
- Need MOU with PREPA





Hurricane Maria Response +80 days

 December 2017, EEI and APPA utilities begin mobilization, restoration at ~50%

Puerto Rico Incident Management Teams





Hurricane Maria Response +90 days

- ESSC led by EEI announces a 60 day push to get restoration over 90% in 60 days in Puerto Rico.
- December 18, 2017, SMUD commits to providing support: 2 heavy line construction crews, supervisor, mechanic, finance specialist, 16 personnel total
- SMUD signs new MOU with PREPA for 100% pass-through money from FEMA



Hurricane Maria Response +100 days

- December 30, 2017, SMUD ships 15 trucks and equipment via low boy trucks to Lake Charles, Louisiana to ship by barge with other utilities
- CUEA assists with waivers for transport
- SMUD signs a joint cost agreement with Arizona
 Public Service Company to share barge to PR





Hurricane Maria Response +119 days

- January 17, 2018 SMUD crews arrive in San Juan and begin restoration work in the Carolina Region
- SMUD secured rooms at the Hilton Condado, undergoing restoration
- Food, fuel and support for crews not an issue in San Juan
- Crews swapped out after 30 days working on the island
- Crews returned March 22, 2018



Lessons Learned

- Very difficult to provide assistance where the host utility is unprepared
- Cannot send resources into an area until the area can support
- Incoming crews must match work and material availability
- Different utilities do work differently
- Need to develop relationships and agreements before the disaster



Future Opportunities

- We need to better plan national/regional events
- Industry needs to better plan with federal agencies
- We need to expand IMT concept for support
- Need to develop a 'Task Force' concept for smaller utilities and cost share
- Common standards for crews, systems, and materials
- Better balance customer/public expectations, risk, disaster hardening and cost





Questions

