## **FPU prepares for Hurricane Michael**

**Fernandina Beach, FL. October 9, 2018** – As Hurricane Michael is expected to impact Northwest Florida. Florida Public Utilities Company continues to make final preparations to implement its proven action plan. FPU urges its customers, who may be in the path of the storm, to be safe and prepare and review their personal and business plans. Though its ultimate strength and precise path are both uncertain at this time, FPU's plan is flexible and the Company is prepared to adapt to any changes in circumstance.

## Stay safe by taking special precautions

All indications are that Michael will impact some of FPU's heavily populated areas, affecting a large portion of FPU's infrastructure. As with previous hurricanes, FPU is asking its customers to be prepared and keep a close watch on the development of the storm and follow the advice and guidelines of local government. Customers can visit <u>www.FPUC.com</u> for more information regarding hurricane tips including generator safety, precautions regarding downed power lines, flooding, protecting electric equipment and much more. Above all, FPU urges its customers to keep their families safe.

## **Restoration plan**

Following the aftermath, FPU's restoration plan calls for reestablishing service to the greatest number of customers as quickly and safely as possible concurrent with the restoration of a community's critical infrastructure. The speed of restoration is based on the path of the storm, its intensity and the amount of resources available. FPU works with emergency management officials to restore power first to public health and safety facilities and organizations, such as hospitals, police and fire departments, communications, water and sanitary services and transportation.

As with every storm, the Company expects bands of wind and rain to impact its service territory in advance of the storm's arrival. In these cases, FPU crews will be out in the field restoring service as long as it is safe to do so. When sustained wind speeds reach 40 mph or greater, however, FPU will take its crews out of harm's way until it is safe to return.

Now is the time to prepare. For hurricane status updates and additional safety information, please visit and bookmark our website at <u>FPUCHurricaneUpdates.com</u>, follow us on <u>Twitter</u> or visit our <u>Facebook page</u>. New status updates will be posted as information becomes available.

**About Florida Public Utilities Company** Florida Public Utilities Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. Headquartered in Fernandina Beach, Florida, FPU distributes natural gas and propane and provides electric services to approximately 128,000 customers in markets throughout Florida. For more information, visit <u>www.fpuc.com</u>

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