

**MEDIA ADVISORY  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **FPU is Closely Monitoring Hurricane Irma and urges its Customers to do the same ...**

**Fernandina Beach, FL (September 8, 2017)** — Florida Public Utilities (FPU) is currently tracking Hurricane Irma as it threatens Florida. We are preparing for any power, natural gas, or propane emergencies created by the storm or its aftermath. Should this storm make land fall in any of our service territories, FPU advises its gas customers to leave their natural gas and propane service on, even in the event of an evacuation. **DO NOT** attempt to turn gas off at the meter.

- If at any time residents detect the odor of rotten eggs or a sulfur-like aroma, there could be a natural gas or propane leak. Residents should **leave the premises immediately** and call Florida Public Utilities.
- Customers who suspect their natural gas or propane appliances have been flooded or damaged due to the storm must have the equipment inspected and serviced by Florida Public Utilities or a qualified gas contractor.

Electric customers should turn off large appliances and air conditioners until after your power has been restored; turn off your breakers if you live in a flood-prone area.

- **DO NOT** connect portable generators to your home's household wiring. This can send electricity back out onto the power lines, seriously injuring or killing linemen working in your neighborhood to restore service.
- Only connect appliances directly to the generator.
- Wait a reasonable amount of time before calling FPU to report an outage if your entire neighborhood is without power. The Company can electronically detect widespread outages.
- Stay away from downed lines and warn others to do the same. Contact FPU or local emergency officials to report downed lines.

Our crews are prepared to handle any emergencies created by Irma. Our customers are urged to follow the precautions outlined by emergency management officials. Only qualified FPU technicians can safely turn electric or gas service back on.

FPU will provide restoration updates online and to area media representatives on a regular basis during the storm and/or severe weather emergencies. Please follow all developments at: [www.FPUHurricaneUpdates.com](http://www.FPUHurricaneUpdates.com) or stay informed of updates on your portable battery-powered radios. Restoration efforts can begin as long as sustained winds are below 40-miles per hour, as mandated by emergency management.

If your service has been interrupted, please contact FPU for service restoration:

- 1.800.427.7712 (electric and natural gas);
- 1.855.583.4973 (propane)

### **. About Florida Public Utilities Company**

Florida Public Utilities Company (NYSE: CPK) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. Headquartered in Fernandina Beach, Florida, FPU ([www.fpuc.com](http://www.fpuc.com))

distributes natural gas, propane and electric services to approximately 100,000 customers in markets throughout Florida.

**About Chesapeake Utilities Corporation**

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