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BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC BEGINS MAKING POWER RESTORATION PROGRESS

Supply, N.C. (August 4, 2020) – As Hurricane Isaias made landfall overnight, Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) began to see its outage numbers climb to approximately 40,452, leaving 40 percent of its members without power.

BEMC's experienced, highly trained local crews are joined by 45 additional contract and co-op crews from in and out of state, including Alabama and South Carolina in restoration efforts.

These crews are out in force, assessing damage, clearing debris and beginning restoration efforts. Cooperative officials caution that existing outages could extend for several more days, particularly in the hardest hit areas due to flooding, fallen trees, and debris impeding line crews' access to restoration points.

"Our priority is to restore power to all of our members across Brunswick and Columbus Counties as quickly and safely as possible," said Josh Winslow, BEMC's CEO. "Our crews are storm-tested and will keep working until the power is back on for all of our members."

For your safety, never go near downed or sagging power lines and be aware that fallen lines could be hidden by debris or high water. Always assume power lines are energized and report damage immediately by calling 800-682-5309. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for frequent updates.

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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.