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ENERGYUNITED PREPARES FOR POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF FLORENCE

Co-op encourages safety before, during and after the storm

STATESVILLE, N.C. – EnergyUnited is closely monitoring the path of Hurricane Florence and is ready to respond to any outages that may occur. Because electric cooperatives are based in the communities they serve, they can address any impacts quickly and begin restoration efforts as soon as conditions are safe.

“We are carefully monitoring this weather system and are prepared for possible power outages in any of the 19 counties that we serve throughout North Carolina,” said Wayne Wilkins, chief executive officer of EnergyUnited. “We urge everyone to prepare now by making a plan, assembling an emergency kit and following the instructions of local officials.” Some simple things you can do before the storm are:

- **Make a plan.** Outline a communications and evacuation plan for your family. If you have any pets or livestock, include them in your plan.
- **Assemble an emergency kit.** It should include a three-day supply of non-perishable food, water and medication, as well as any other items you might need in case of a power outage, such as a flashlight, radio and batteries.
- **Medical assistance:** If you have a loved one that needs power for any type of medical device, make sure you have a back-up plan in the event power goes out. (ex: dialysis machine, breathing apparatus, etc.)
- **Charge your cell phone.** This will allow you to stay connected to emergency and safety updates even if the power goes out.
- **Secure outdoor items.** Safely store lawn furniture, decorations, toys, garbage cans and other items that can be brought indoors. Tie down larger objects like boats and trailers.
- **Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters.** Plywood can be used to board up windows and doors if your house doesn't have hurricane shutters.
- **Fuel up.** Fill vehicles before the storm as a loss of power could put gas pumps out of commission.

While you are preparing at home, line crews are also using this time to stock their trucks with materials needed for repairs and are testing equipment to make sure it is ready for use. Given the nature of this storm, however, members should be prepared for the possibility of prolonged outages. Other important details can be found here:

- EnergyUnited Outage Reporting Number: 1-800-EUNITED (1-800-386-4833)
- Real-time outage numbers from EnergyUnited are available on our [Outage Map](#).
- Visit our [Storm Center Page](#) important up-to-date information

About EnergyUnited EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 130,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at www.energyunited.com to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.