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## CFEC continues restoring power



**Four work trucks from PowerTown Line Construction work on a broken section of a power line Sunday (Sept. 17) along State Road 345 near the Chiefland Cemetery. Independent contractors like this company help Central Florida Electric Cooperative and Duke Energy to meet the needs of members and customers respectively, especially after a disaster such as Hurricane Irma.**

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**In this photo, a truck is seen as it leaves the CFEC warehouse area on Saturday morning (Sept. 16) at about 7 a.m.**

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**TRI-COUNTY AREA** – Central Florida Electric Cooperative has restored power to almost 30,000 members who were without electricity for periods of up to one week.

**<https://youtu.be/zU6DXVuRtTA>**

In this four-minute narrated video, some of the vehicles leaving the Central Florida Electric Cooperative warehouse area on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. are seen through dash camera of the news Jeep and a low-flying unmanned aerial system (nicknamed The Dragonfly Drone). Then the UAS takes quick flight to view the Saturday sunrise from above the Save-A-Lot parking lot.

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Hurricane Irma took out power from people all over Florida.

CFEC reached 98 percent of full system restoration by 10 p.m. on Saturday night (Sept. 16).

As of 7:30 p.m. on Sunday (Sept.17), CFEC show there were 58 members without power.

The breakdown of those counties follows: Alachua County – 1; Dixie County – 36; Gilchrist County – 8; and Levy County – 13.

Duke Energy noted earlier last week that it planned to have all its customers in the

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Tri-County Area connected with power again by midnight on Sunday.

CFEC is a rural electric cooperative. Duke Energy is an investor-owned utility.

## Wire Down



**At one point on Friday (Sept. 15) there were 2,853 Central Florida Electric Cooperative members without power. At noon on Saturday (Sept. 16) there were 1,536 members without power. At noon on Monday (Sept. 11), the peak number of CFEC outages was in excess of 26,100. Therefore, less than a week ago, 78 percent of the CFEC system was without power. These remaining outages are spread throughout the service area. Crews are now getting into the areas that take the most time to restore due to the extreme damage. CFEC has restored service to people at more than 24,000 accounts at this time and are keeping at it. All CFEC crews are out working, along with help from multiple other states. Engineers, dispatchers, linemen, groundmen, right-of-way crews, and customer service representatives are doing their very best. CFEC will keep working around the clock until full restoration is reached.**

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**This tree down across a power line on the west side of U.S. Highway 19 approximately 2.7 miles north of the intersection of Levy County Road 347 shows one example of a potential cause for an outage. This picture was taken at 7:38 a.m. on Saturday (Sept. 16).**

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