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Member Company Preparations, Outages, and Restoration

[The Latest: Officials: All fires Out at Chemical Plant](#)

Associated Press, September 3, 2017

CenterPoint Energy crews have started going door-to-door to check homes and are advising people still left behind in flooded homes that their power is being turned off. He says people in homes that have taken no water will not have their electricity cut off.

Tags: CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

[Harvey: Power Cut in Flooded West Houston Under Evacuation Order](#)

USA Today, September 3, 2017

Crews with CenterPoint Energy checked homes in the zone that Mayor Sylvester Turner ordered evacuated where about 300 residents still remain. People in houses that have taken no water will not have their electricity cut off.

Tags: CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

[Power factbox: Outages Drop, but Flooding Slows Work](#)

Platts, September 3, 2017

Entergy utilities in southeast Texas, Louisiana, western Mississippi and Arkansas reported about 10,400 customers without power, of which about 9,800 were in Texas. Those numbers are down from more than 59,000 overall, more than 55,400 in Texas, as of 3 pm CDT Friday.

Tags: AEP Texas, CenterPoint Energy, Inc., Entergy Corp.

[Flooding at Substation Leaves 5,700 Waiting for Power](#)

Houston Chronicle, September 4, 2017

In the wake of a hurricane that deluged Houston in 51 inches of water, CenterPoint Energy has engineered a fix: A temporary mobile substation, sitting nearby on the trailers of semi truck, will be a backup for months while the company rebuilds. "They would be out until we got Memorial substation fixed or thought of something else," said John Kellum, CenterPoint's division vice president of high-voltage power delivery. "The mobile substation is the only option."

Tags: CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

[SJC on the Road to Recovery From Hurricane](#)

Houston Chronicle, September 3, 2017

According to County Judge John Lovett also reports that Entergy and the Sam Houston Electric Co-Op (SHECO) have both reported no power outages for San Jacinto County.

Tags: Entergy Corp.

[Hurricane Harvey: Addicks, Barker Controlled Releases Continue; Rumors About Breach Untrue](#)

Houston Patch, September 3, 2017

CenterPoint Energy turned off electricity to the impacted homes starting Sunday morning. Turner



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stressed that the evacuation order only applied to those whose homes were flooded.

Tags: CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

[San Antonio's CPS Energy Crews Humbled by Destruction of Hurricane Harvey](#)

San Antonio Express-News (TX), September 4, 2017

The need for help is vast. Tim Wenske, an AEP distribution line inspector out of Victoria who was managing the check-in point in Schulenburg, said some of AEP's utility lines had hundreds of broken poles. Harvey was different from other major storms, he said, in "how wide and how much disaster it's been. Usually a hurricane comes and goes; this one sat."

Tags: American Electric Power

[AEP Text Alerts Unreliable for Residents](#)

Victoria Advocate (TX), September 3, 2017

After Hurricane Harvey's devastating winds snapped utility poles and sent trees falling into power lines, electricity companies such as AEP were left to pick up the pieces. More than 220,000 customers in the region were left without power while some residents fled the area - many of whom relied on a text-messaging service to know whether their power was back on.

Tags: American Electric Power

[Numbers Improve For Country's Weary Flooding Victims](#)

Orange County Record (TX), September 3, 2017

Sunday evening Entergy reported that there were 10,800 electrical customer outages remaining after Tropical Storm Harvey dumped more than 50 inches of rain on Southeast Texas last week.

Tags: Entergy Corp.

[Midlothian Emergency Dispatchers Aid First Responders and Residents in Rockport](#)

Waxahachie Daily Times (TX), September 3, 2017

"There are approximately 2000 electric workers in the city. They're fixing power lines, traffic lights, and other infrastructure so we will be able to 'join the grid' once AEP is able to transmit to Rockport," Rockport Mayor Charles Wax stated on Aug. 28. "The company started in Corpus Christi and has restored more than 80 percent of the power. They are moving north and inroads are being made in Portland."

Tags: American Electric Power

[Mandatory Evacuation Issued for Flooded Homes Near Addicks and Barker Reservoirs](#)

KTRK-TV (TX), September 3, 2017

Turner instructed CenterPoint Energy to turn off power to homes already flooded at 7 a.m. Sunday.

Tags: CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

[AEP Texas Looking to Restore Power to 40,000 Customers in the Coming Days](#)

KIII-TV (TX), September 4, 2017

EP Texas says with the help of thousands of other utilities and contractors, the company has been able to restore electricity to 179,000 customers. At the peak of the outage, 220,000 customers were left in the dark due to Hurricane Harvey.



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Tags: *AEP Texas*

[Residents Concerned After Power Turned off in dry West Houston Homes](#)

KHOU-TV (TX), September 3, 2017

CenterPoint Energy's plan was to cut off the power of homes that had standing flood water, but residents complained they were also cutting off power in homes that didn't have any water at all.

Tags: *CenterPoint Energy, Inc.*

[Power Restored to Most Entergy Customers, Others Could Have None for 10 Days](#)

KBMT-TV (TX), September 3, 2017

Nearly 25,000 Entergy Texas customers in the Beaumont and surrounding areas were still without power Sunday, which was a vast improvement from the 192,000 customers who suffered power outages that resulted from Harvey.

Tags: *Entergy Texas*

[AEP Power Outage Update](#)

KIII-TV (TX), September 3, 2017

The number of people without power in the Coastal Bend continues to decrease. In a recent release from AEP, they say only 230 people in Corpus Christi are without power.

Tags: *American Electric Power*

[Trump Again Travels to Harvey-hit Region](#)

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, September 3, 2017

A representative for CenterPoint Energy said the utility would start cutting power to homes in the area at 7 a.m. today.

Tags: *CenterPoint Energy, Inc.*

[Survivors Bring Memories of Storm](#)

New Iberia Daily Iberian (LA), September 4, 2017

The latest update was that Entergy would be giving updates to Orange residents Sunday.

Tags: *Entergy Corp.*

[1st Responders Not a Water Taxi Service, Says Houston Mayor on New Evacuations](#)

Breitbart News, September 3, 2017

Mayor Turner has instructed CenterPoint Energy to begin turning off all power to all homes and apartment complexes that have standing water and that are in the mandatory evacuation zone.

Tags: *CenterPoint Energy, Inc.*

Member Company Press Releases

[AEP Texas Hurricane Harvey Restoration Update](#)

AEP Texas Press Release, September 4, 2017

AEP Texas thanks the thousands of other utilities and contractors providing crucial support during



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the current Hurricane Harvey Restoration effort.

Tags: AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Ameren Illinois, Ameren Missouri, Appalachian Power, CenterPoint Energy, Inc., Kentucky Power, Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., Oncor, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Westar Energy, Xcel Energy Inc.

[**AEP Texas Hurricane Harvey Restoration Update - 9-3-2017, 4:30 p.m.**](#)

AEP Texas Press Release, September 3, 2017

Restoration of electric service by AEP Texas crews continued Sunday afternoon in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Of the approximately 5,600 total personnel involved in the restoration effort, over 1,000 workers are now working in the Aransas Pass and Port Aransas areas.

Tags: AEP Texas

[**AEP Texas Hurricane Harvey Restoration -- One Voice Message 9-3-2017, 10:45 a.m.**](#)

AEP Texas Press Release, September 3, 2017

AEP Texas continues its efforts to restore electric service in the Coastal Bend area. The damage inflicted by Hurricane Harvey has required thousands of personnel to be brought in to the area to assist, and the number of workers involved in the restoration effort now stands at approximately 5,300.

Tags: AEP Texas

[**We've Restored More Than 309,000 Outages in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi**](#)

Entergy Corp. Press Release, September 3, 2017

We've restored more than 309,000 outages in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi caused by multiple landfalls Harvey made since its arrival nine days ago. Of that total number, 259,000 were in Texas.

Tags: Entergy Corp.

[**Since Yesterday Morning, We Restored More Than 20,000 Texas Customers**](#)

Entergy Corp. Press Release, September 3, 2017

Since yesterday morning, we restored more than 20,000 Texas customers, leaving nearly 25,000 still without power of the 192,000 affected by the storm. Many customers have seen multiple outages that we have restored.

Tags: Entergy Corp.

[**We Expect That All But 16,800 Customers Will Be Restored By End Of Day Today**](#)

Entergy Texas Press Release, September 4, 2017

Since yesterday morning, we restored more than 9,600 Texas customers, leaving nearly 22,500 still without power of the 192,000 affected by the storm. Many customers have seen multiple outages that we have restored.

Tags: Entergy Texas

[**Restoration Update**](#)

Entergy Texas Press Release, September 3, 2017

There are currently transmission line outages across the Entergy Texas service territory as well as substations that are still under water, which is causing outages for several thousand customers.



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Tags: Entergy Texas

[Restoration Update](#)

Entergy Texas Press Release, September 3, 2017

At 6 p.m., 23,980 Entergy Texas customers were without power. Our workers continue to safely restore power as quickly as possible.

Tags: Entergy Texas

[Restoration Update](#)

Entergy Texas Press Release, September 4, 2017

At 10:00 am 22,500 Entergy Texas customers were without power. Since yesterday morning, we restored more than 9,600 Texas customers of the 192,000 affected by the storm.

Tags: Entergy Texas

[Restoration Update](#)

Entergy Texas Press Release, September 3, 2017

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[A Message from Entergy Texas President Sallie Rainer](#)

Entergy Texas Press Release, September 3, 2017

Entergy Texas President Sallie Rainer discusses the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey and why the storm was very different than most storms AEP Texas has faced in restoring power.

Tags: Entergy Texas

Additional Harvey Coverage

[Over 21 Miles of Highway, Snapshots of a Resilient Houston](#)

New York Times, September 3, 2017

This city sprawls over 600 square miles, an area so big that Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Detroit could all fit within it simultaneously. The nine-county Houston metropolitan region, covering more than 10,000 square miles, is almost as large as the entire state of Massachusetts.

[In Beaumont, Residents Put Aside Their Harvey Woes to Aid Others](#)

Wall Street Journal, September 4, 2017

A chain of cars stretched roughly three-quarters of a mile on S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway here inched along for up to three hours over the weekend, slowly filing into the parking lot of the Southeast Texas Food Bank.

[Harvey Destroyed Hundreds of Thousands of Cars in the Houston Area, a City That Heavily Relies on Them](#)

Washington Post, September 3, 2017

Harvey appears to be the most destructive event for cars in the nation's history, based on early estimates, with floodwaters destroying hundreds of thousands of vehicles in a sprawling city that relies on them for much of its transportation.



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[Private Planes Fill Key Role in Bringing Supplies to Harvey Flood Victims](#)

USA Today, September 4, 2017

The U.S. military and groups such as the Red Cross also get supplies and workers into areas cut off from the rest of the world by Harvey's record-breaking floods. But the private pilots and aircraft aficionados have been able to mobilize quicker than the government or NGOs and often beat the military to disaster areas with much-needed supplies, organizers and local officials in the impacted areas said.

[Evacuation Zone Lifted Around Texas Chemical Plant](#)

ABC News, September 4, 2017

Officials are allowing residents who live inside the 1.5-mile evacuation zone around an Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas, that was at risk of exploding last week to return home, the company announced Monday.

[Federal Health Officials Get High Marks for Harvey Response](#)

NBC News, September 4, 2017

By the time Harvey made landfall on the southeast Texas coast last Friday, the Health and Human Services Department had pre-positioned 460 staffers from the National Disaster Medical System to be ready to roll in and help.

[How Hurricane Harvey's Cost Stacks Up Against Past Disasters](#)

CBS News, September 4, 2017

Hurricane Harvey could potentially be the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history and passing an aid package for the recovery effort will top Congress's agenda when lawmakers return to Washington this week.

[Path of Destruction: What Hurricane Harvey Left in its Wake](#)

CNN, September 4, 2017

It begins with a couple of shingles in the road, a power line down here or there. The caravan of utility workers is a sign that things are getting worse. And then, at the Pioneer Beach Resort in Port Aransas it becomes clear that Hurricane Harvey came through with a vengeance.

[Harvey Aftermath: Mayor Says Houston 'Open for Business' Despite Major Hurdles](#)

FOX News, September 4, 2017

Houston's mayor says America's fourth largest city is "open for business" but more than a week after Harvey parts of the city remain flooded, up to 500,000 vehicles have been damaged, floodwaters contain a toxic brew of chemicals and the total cost of repairs could exceed \$180 billion.

[Harvey in Photos: From Devastation to Beginning the Long Road to Recovery](#)

Weather Channel, September 3, 2017

More than a week after Hurricane Harvey roared onto the Gulf Coast, communities in Southeast Texas continue to reel from the catastrophic flooding as the death toll rises.