

# WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Restoring Hope: WREC's Rapid Response After Hurricane Helene**

September 28, 2024 — Following the severity of Hurricane Helene that swept through our region, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) is working tirelessly to restore power to our valued Members. Our community has faced unprecedented challenges, particularly due to historic coastal flooding.

Our dedicated teams began assessing the extent of the damage as soon as it was safe to do so. We have mobilized all available resources, including additional out-of-state crews and in-house contractors to accelerate the restoration process. WREC and additional crews have been working steadily throughout the storm and we are down to around 10,000 Members without power. Our goal is to restore power to everyone's home by the end of today who can safely receive it.

We are working on the hardest-hit areas, particularly those impacted by coastal flooding. WREC has repaired 95 percent of the power lines along the coast. Those lines are energized and ready to power your home.

If the county has determined we are unable to connect your home due to safety concerns rest assured after repairs are made WREC will reenergize your home. Our crews have been working around the clock to restore the widespread outages and today we are making a strong push to get everyone we can back on.

We ask for your continued patience and understanding as we continue to restore power. Please know that every effort is being made to restore power to all Members as quickly as possible. Follow us on our social media platforms and [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) for continued updates.

### **About Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):**

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 260,000 homes and businesses in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Polk, and Sumter counties since 1947. WREC is dedicated to providing reliable and affordable electric services to its members while actively contributing to the communities it serves.

Pictures from day one of restoration in all service territories:





