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September 17, 2020, 8:30 am – The EREC power system received significant damage from Hurricane Sally with 95% of members without electricity immediately following the storm. Crews are working around the clock restoring power as quickly and safely as possible.

Escambia County received significant damage to the transmission lines feeding the Bratt and Oak Grove substations. Our generation and transmission facility, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, is hard at work getting those lines repaired to energize the substations. Once those repairs are complete, all the distribution work that has been done following the storm will result in the power being restored to some members on those substations. Immediately, line crews will continue to work on main distribution and tap lines to continue bringing members online.

EREC will have approximately 100 additional line personnel in the field today working to assist power restoration to the system. Crews will continue to work, day and night, until all power has been restored.