LUMA's Response to Hurricane Fiona

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SUBJECT

Transmission and Distribution Unauthorized Work: During Event

REQUEST

Has LUMA determined the extent of T&D unauthorized work that took place during the event?

RESPONSE

Throughout the response to Hurricane Fiona, LUMA worked to address the concerns of each of Puerto Rico's municipalities and invited mayors and municipal personnel to collaborate with ongoing restoration efforts to attain the common goal of restoring electric power service safely to all Puerto Ricans. As part of this effort LUMA created a form of Memorandum of Understanding with municipalities to memorialize the work that a municipality can carry out in support of restoration efforts in their community. However, actions of several municipalities resulted in risks to the T&D System. Unauthorized, undocumented and potentially unsafe work delays the restoration of service to customers, as LUMA must take additional safety precautions and carry out additional line patrols.

LUMA continues to determine the extent of T&D unauthorized work that took place during Hurricane Fiona. LUMA is aware of several situations where individuals, contractors and municipalities were completing unauthorized work. LUMA currently has identified nine recorded incidents of unauthorized work on the system and is in the process of investigating these incidents and conducting the necessary repairs.