

**OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY DELIVERY AND ENERGY RELIABILITY (OE)**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**  
**Hurricane Rita Situation Report #1**  
**September 21, 2005 (noon)**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total outages due to Hurricane Rita in Florida are 7,300, which represent less than 1 percent of customers in the state. There were 1,300 outages in the Florida Power & Light service area and 6,000 customers out of power with service from Municipals. Florida Power & Light expects to essentially complete restoration to all customers by tonight.
- As of 8:00 AM 9/21 Hurricane Rita was a category 4 hurricane with maximum sustained winds near 135 mph. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 45 miles from the center of the storm and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 140 miles from the center. Rita is located about 195 miles west of Key West, FL and 790 miles east-southeast of Corpus Christi, TX. The storm is expected to move into the Gulf of Mexico in the days to come. <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- On 9/19, in response to further activation orders from FEMA for Hurricane Rita, OE deployed two staff to FEMA Region IV in Atlanta, one to the State EOC in Tallahassee, FL, and one to Austin, TX. The Tallahassee office was closed this morning and the staffer is en route to Austin.

**ELECTRICITY INFORMATION**

**Florida County Outage Data:**  
**(as of 9/21/05 8:00 AM EDT)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Customers w/o Power</b>	<b>Total Customers</b>	<b>% Customers w/o Power</b>
Dade	1,100	984,905	<1%
Monroe	6,000	58,361	10%

\*represents counties with >1,000 outages