

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Special Electric Reliability Forum

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Introduction

The **Energy Association of Pennsylvania** represents the interests of its

Member EDCs:

Citizens' Electric Company
Duquesne Light Company
Metropolitan Edison Company
PECO Energy Company
Pennsylvania Electric Company
Pennsylvania Power Company
Pike County Light & Power Co.
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
UGI Utilities, Inc. (Electric Division)
Wellsboro Electric Company
West Penn Power Company



EAP Electric Utility Members

- Collectively, EAP member EDCs serve just under six million customers in Pennsylvania.
- Own and operate roughly 15,000 miles of transmission lines and over 132,000 miles of distribution lines, in addition to poles, substations, transformers, conductors, circuits, etc.
- Service territories are unique, varying from utility to utility with respect to geography, population density, and access.



Utilities Work Year-round to Improve Reliability

- Utilities work year-round on system improvements and upgrades, preventative maintenance, tree trimming, equipment testing and employee training.
- Participate in coordination exercises, mutual assistance efforts and emergency response drills.
- Build relationships with state and local officials, regulators, legislators, media and other utilities.
- Invest and train in innovative and interactive customer communications.



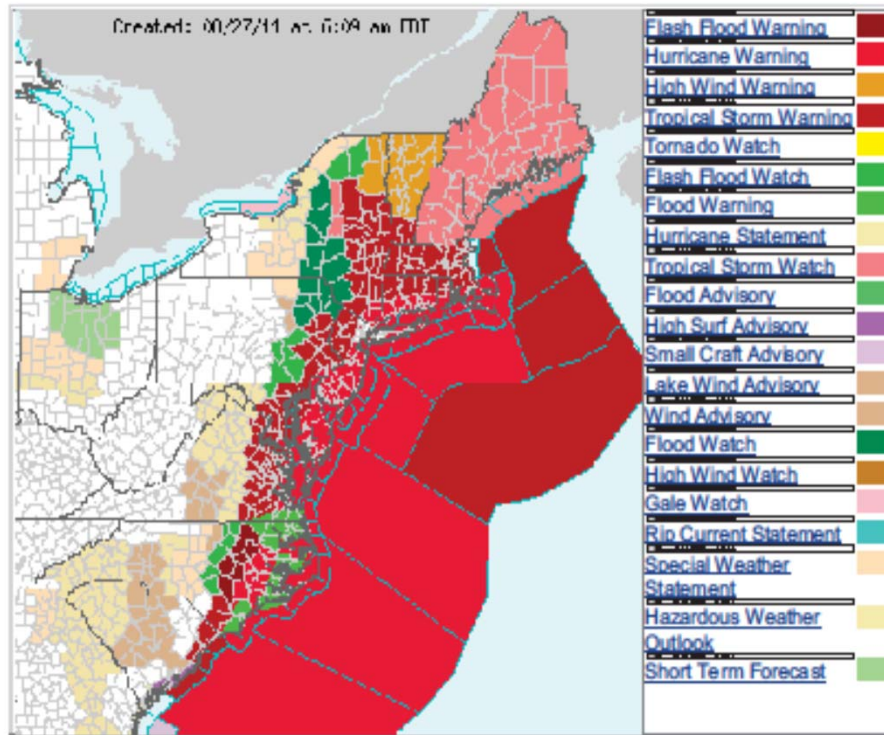
Each Event is Unique

- Each event is unique in terms of its circumstances (duration and severity, rain, sleet, hail, winds, flash flooding, sustained flooding, ice, snow, lightning) and its impact.
- Each event is different with regard to how much warning is provided and the accuracy of prediction.
- Road closures resulting from downed trees, flooding, and loss of integrity can significantly impact utility's access to its customers and equipment.
- Safety of customers and employees of paramount concern.



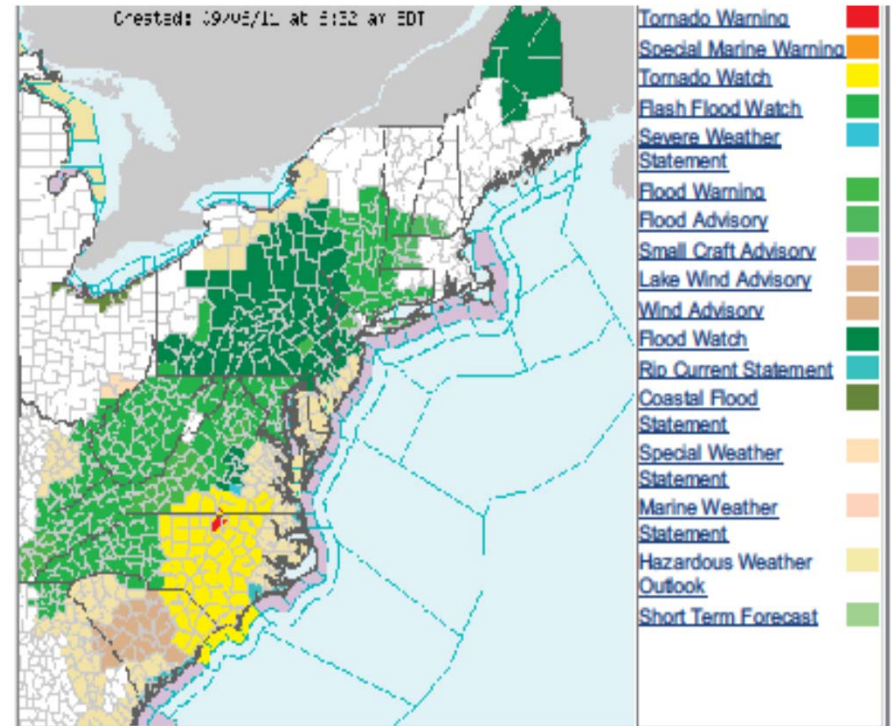
Comparison of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee

Irene



Source: PEMA Daily Incident Report 8/27/2011

Lee



Source: PEMA Daily Incident Report 9/6/2011

Closing Remarks

- Commend Commission for holding this forum and commend the hard work of Commission and utility employees related to recent storms.
- Electric and gas utilities have excellent record of cooperating and providing mutual assistance for the benefit of all customers.
- Important to remember that utility efforts to plan and prepare for an “event” begin long before the event even occurs and continue long after the event has ended.
- EAP members affected by these events will now share information regarding efforts by the utilities and by their employees before, during and following these storms.



Thank you.

