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## **Updating Tropical Storm Harvey**

Baton Rouge – Tropical Storm Harvey is currently located in the Gulf of Mexico and is approximately 150 miles away from once again making landfall. The forecasted final landfall is now anticipated to occur the morning of Wednesday, August 30, in the vicinity of Cameron, Louisiana, with tropical storm winds as high as 50 miles per hour. Wind gusts of 25-35 MPH will be felt up through the I-10 corridor, and possibly through the central parishes all during the day on Wednesday. It is predicted that this storm will bring 3-6 inches of rainfall throughout the state, with some areas possibly receiving as much as 20 inches. The saturation of the ground from the rainfall increases the possibility of falling trees causing power outages. The Commission is working with the power companies to get the power back on as quickly and safely as possible.

The Commission encourages residents to be vigilant during the storms, which includes no unnecessary travelling, reporting downed power lines, reporting outages, charging cell phones, and preparing a storm kit. A storm kit should include bottled water, medication, flashlight, and a first aid kit. High winds and fallen tree limbs are common reasons for downed power lines so please be aware to not come in contact with the line or anything touching the line. Please contact your electric company if you see a downed power line. For information on power outages, links to utility outage maps and other information can be found at the following link: <http://www.lpsc.louisiana.gov/consumerutilitylinks.aspx>.

The Louisiana Public Service Commission is an independent regulatory agency dedicated to serving the public interest by assuring safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced services from public utilities and motor carriers. The LPSC, created by Article IV, Section 21 of the 1974 Constitution of the State of Louisiana, consists of five elected Commissioners who serve overlapping terms of six years. The Commission has jurisdiction over certain publicly-owned utilities providing electric, water, wastewater, natural gas, and telecommunication services, as well as all the electric cooperatives in Louisiana. It does not regulate Entergy New Orleans, Inc.

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