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Hurricane Isaac Friday Update

BATON ROUGE - As of mid-Friday afternoon, close to 26%, which is approximately 554,000 of Louisiana customers, were without power, down from 903,000 or 43% from Thursday. Municipal electric utilities, which comprise around ten percent of the state's customers, are not regulated by the Commission and their numbers are not reflected in these figures. The only remaining parishes with 75% of their customers out were Orleans, St. John, and Plaquemines. These outage numbers change by the minute due to the continuing restoration effort.

Entergy Louisiana, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Gulf States have a total outage count of approximately 490,000, down from a high of approximately 695,000. Cleco has a total outage count of approximately 31,000, down from a high of approximately 89,000. SWEPCO has a total outage count of 232, down from a high of 4,746. The electric cooperatives have a total outage count of approximately 32,000, down from a high of approximately 114,000.

The Commission encourages residents to call or visit the website of their utility service provider for outages and downed power lines or poles but we stress safety and patience. The LPSC is currently stationed around the clock at the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness in Baton Rouge and working with all state agencies to get customers back on line as quickly and safely as possible.

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