
From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:59 AM
To: Haley, Nikki; Haley, Michael; Burns, James; Patel, Swati; Godfrey, Rob; Peters, Hal; Philpott, Katie
Cc: Priester, Nicole
Subject: RE: EMD Update - Winter Weather

REVISED Outage Numbers:

- Duke: 79,000
- SCE&G: 2900
- Co-ops: 20,000
- Municipalities: 325

Total Outages: 102,000

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:41 AM
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Update on Outages:

- Duke: 79,000
- SCE&G: 2,695
- Co-ops: 12,000
- Municipalities: 325

Total Outages: 94,020

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:37 AM
To: Haley, Nikki; Haley, Michael; Burns, James; Patel, Swati; Godfrey, Rob; Peters, Hal; Philpott, Katie
Cc: Priester, Nicole
Subject: RE: EMD Update - Winter Weather

Update on Morning Road Conditions from DOT:

- Precipitation has ended in the Upstate. Rain is now in the Pee Dee. Many primary and secondary roads north of I-85 have significant ice accumulation.
- All interstates are open and plowed, however pavement temperatures remain below freezing. DOT forces are applying salt/sand through the morning hours. Crews are also beginning to remove downed trees in the Upstate.
- Freezing temperatures are expected to continue until after daylight hours, and therefore, DOT is advising against travel in the northwestern part of the state.

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:15 AM
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Subject: Re: EMD Update - Winter Weather

Morning Update from Kim Stenson:

Winter weather has for the most part cleared the Upstate and should clear the Pee Dee in the next couple of hours. Summary of current status:

Restoration times are still being developed but as many as 13,000 of Duke's customers are estimated be restored by [noon today](#).

Road conditions are poor in the northern counties closest to the NC border with ice and snow. Conditions are somewhat better in the counties further south but still not in good shape. Traffic is moving along the interstates in the Upstate but slow in some areas.

EMD conducted a county call late yesterday afternoon and there were no unmet needs at the time. There have been no requests for assistance.

Several counties opened warming shelters. Abbeville 911 center is down due to a power outage but Anderson is handling their calls. Most counties are at OPGON 5 but four currently are OPGON 4.

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On Feb 17, 2015, at 6:07 AM, Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Lexington and Richland Counties are not delayed. There are 13 counties with delayed openings and one county closed:



<http://www.scemd.org/closings>

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On Feb 17, 2015, at 6:01 AM, Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Outages Update:

Duke Energy is showing 72,000 outages.

SCE&G has 3,250 out due to icing conditions. The outages are confined to an area north of I-20. Counties affected are Fairfield – 894, Greenwood – 106, Lexington – 341, McCormick – 100, Newberry – 896, Richland – 713, and Saluda – 183. There are a few scattered elsewhere, but this is the bulk of it.

Waiting to hear from Coops.

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On Feb 16, 2015, at 12:05 PM, Schimsa, Rebecca
<RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Below are graphics showing snowfall and ice:



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On Feb 16, 2015, at 11:33 AM, Schimsa, Rebecca
<RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Staff from the ESFs held a SERT call at 11:00 a.m. and I joined. Some pieces of good news:

- DOT has already pretreated main roads and bridges in the Upstate (I-85 corridor to I-77).
- Upstate utilities already have additional crews in place following the wind storms this weekend and will be ready to deploy them at 6:00 a.m. tomorrow.
- Outages are not expected to be significant. The forecast is calling for ice pellets, which does not impact lines as much as pure freezing rain.
- Traffic issues are not expected to be as bad tonight due it being a state holiday with many schools out as well.

Shelters in the Upstate are ready to open if needed.

The public can go to this website to see STATE office closings: www.scemd.org/closings

EMD will move to OPCON 4 later today with staff on standby. At this time, Kim Stenson does NOT recommend that the Governor declare a State of Emergency.

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On Feb 16, 2015, at 10:55 AM, Schimsa, Rebecca
<RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Morning Update from Kim Stenson:

Winter storm warning is still in effect 1200 Monday until 0700 Tuesday for Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg, Cherokee and York. There are no current winter weather watches but NWS

now has a winter weather advisory for Anderson, Laurens, Union, and Chester, Darlington, Marlboro and Dillon. A freezing rain advisory is in effect for Newberry, Fairfield, Kershaw, and Chesterfield. In the warning area, there may be up to an inch of snow/sleet with the possibility of up to .3 inches of ice. In the advisory areas, ice accumulation is estimated to be up to .15 inches.

No counties are currently operational. We continue to expect school and county office delays Tuesday AM in counties under a watch or advisory. However, many of those decisions will not be made until early [tomorrow morning](#).

As mentioned yesterday, we will have a SERT conference call [today at 1100](#) and will go to OPCON 4 at noon. We are still planning on an SCEMD presence in the SEOC early [tomorrow morning](#). We will discuss with the SERT later this morning but based on current information, it is unlikely that we would recommend a Governor's State of Emergency.

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On Feb 15, 2015, at 6:03 PM,
Schimsa, Rebecca
<RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>
wrote:

Afternoon Update
from Kim Stenson:

The NWS now has a
winter storm warning
in effect 1200
Monday until 0700
Tuesday for Oconee,
Pickens, Greenville,
Spartanburg,

Cherokee and York. A winter storm watch is in effect for Anderson, Laurens, Union, and Chester. In the warning area, there may be up to an inch of snow/sleet with the possibility of up to .25 inches of ice. Snow, sleet, and ice estimates are less in the watch area. Typically, storms with over .25 inches of ice cause the most issues. The NWS graphic below gives a pretty good summary of expected ice accumulations which is the primary threat.

DOT is going through their normal road treatment procedures. DPS is watching the situation closely for possible road assistance. ORS is in contact with Duke Power and affected electric cooperatives and are currently reporting no major issues. There are still about 1000 customers in Oconee and Pickens without power from last night's storms but they should be restored by late [tomorrow evening](#). Counties are not operational currently but some upstate counties will

most likely will be
sometime [Monday](#)
[evening](#) or
Tuesday. We can still
expect school and
county office delays
Tuesday AM.

As several counties
will be under a winter
storm warning
tomorrow, we will
host a SERT
conference call at
1100 to make sure
everyone is prepared
for potential
actions. Unless the
situation changes we
will go to OPGON 4
(possibility of an
emergency
situation) [at 1200](#)
[tomorrow](#). We still
plan to have some
EMD staff in the
SEOC early Tuesday
AM but are making
the necessary plans to
have our staff report
as early as [Monday](#)
[evening](#). A FEMA
liaison will be in
Columbia [tomorrow](#)
[afternoon](#) but I do not
think this event will
require federal
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On Feb 15, 2015, at
11:32 AM, Schimsa,
Rebecca
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