
Thousands still without power in Oconee, Pickens counties

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SENECA — While line workers continue to make progress, there are still thousands of customers in Oconee and Pickens without power following damage earlier this week caused by the remnants of Hurricane Irma.

Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative spokesman Terry Ballenger said as of 5:40 p.m. Thursday that 1,230 customers were without power in Oconee County, along with 112 in Pickens County.

"Repair crews have restored power to about 2,200 members since daybreak today," he said in a news release. "With more than 500 workers in the field, crews have been assigned to every part of the system that is still reporting trouble.

"Broken poles continue to be the major hindrance for restoring service for many of the remaining members who are still out."

He added crews were set to work until after dark on the remaining outages.

Also as of 5:40 p.m. Thursday, Duke Energy was still reporting more than 1,000 customers in Pickens County were without power, while Oconee County had less than 400 outages.
