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13.2017 | Providing Support to Southern States Energy Board Member Jurisdictions in the Aftermath of Hurricane Disasters

WHEREAS, recent Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria have impacted several Southern States Energy Board member states and territories; and

WHEREAS, over three million people currently are without electricity in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands due to devastating damage to their energy infrastructure and environment; and

WHEREAS, these territories lack sufficient resources to quickly rebuild and restore their energy infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Southern States Energy Board member jurisdictions have the technical capabilities and resources that can be tasked to assist in this restoration effort; and

WHEREAS, the federal government provides emergency response assistance and funding that can aid in the energy infrastructure restoration effort.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern States Energy Board will offer support to the Governors of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and the utilities to restore and rebuild their critical energy infrastructure and coordinate cooperative assistance with its Associate Members, the nation's energy sector, and the federal government to provide necessary technical support and resources.