

## **IMPORTANT!**

As Hurricane Earl approaches the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative service area, Cooperative members are asked to be mindful that an evacuation order for all persons on Hatteras Island has been issued. The Cooperative will discontinue responding to trouble calls later today, Thursday, September 2, 2010. Members may call the Outage Report number (866-511-9862) to report electric system problems for repair once it is safe for Cooperative personnel to respond.

The Cooperative does not purposely turn power off in advance of storms, but once a problem causes the power to go off, restoration efforts will not begin until it is safe for our personnel to resume work. Members returning to the island should stay away from low hanging or downed power lines, as they may be energized even if they appear not to be.

In the event of a major outage, the Cooperative uses a priority plan to restore power to as many consumers as quickly as possible. Critical PUBLIC facilities receive priority. Members who have situations that require continuous electric power should heed the evacuation orders and move to a safe off-island location prior to the possible arrival of the storm.