

Hurricane Gustav knocks wind out of poles & wires

Hurricane Gustav has caused power outages to more than 1 million electricity customers in the state of Louisiana, according to the US Department of Energy. The agency says in a situation report on the hurricane that 49 per cent of the state's total customer base lost power when Gustav moved ashore. DOE also says 93,070 customers were without power in Mississippi, or about six per cent of the state's total. Entergy adds that Gustav had caused "massive damage" to its transmission system. In its situation report, the department also says 25 of 31 major natural gas processing plants were shut-in ahead of Gustav, adding that many of the plants were forced to shut by mandatory evacuation orders issued over the weekend.

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