

State, Federal Dollars Help Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation

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RALEIGH, N.C. –A North Carolina public utility affected by Hurricane Dorian has been approved for disaster assistance funding from the State of North Carolina and FEMA.

The Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation was approved for more than \$1.5 million to reimburse hurricane-related expenses. The reimbursement includes replacing damaged transformers, poles and other critical components to distribute power to its customers.

More than \$27 million has been approved by FEMA for Hurricane Dorian-related expenses in North Carolina through the Public Assistance program. The state and FEMA continue working with affected communities to ensure they receive all eligible disaster assistance.

Public Assistance benefits all community members. It provides grants to state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations to reimburse the cost of debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent repair work.

Public Assistance is a cost sharing program. FEMA reimburses applicants at least 75 percent of eligible costs, and the remaining 25 percent is covered by the state. The federal share is paid directly to the state, which disburses funds to agencies, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs.

FEMA's share for this project is more than \$1.1 million and the state's share is more than \$399,000.

