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PICKENS, South Carolina — Crews are working diligently through Friday night and will continue to respond to the aftermath of a catastrophic natural disaster.

Hundreds of outside workers are coming to provide additional aid tonight and throughout tomorrow from Alabama, Michigan, Ohio and Virginia to restore power to Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg counties.

Crews spent the majority of Friday assessing damage when conditions allowed, beginning at approximately 9:30 a.m. They will continue to energize our grid methodically on Saturday morning and throughout the entire weekend.

"This is truly unprecedented and will be one of the most challenging recovery efforts in the history of our almost 85 years as a cooperative," Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative CEO/President Jim Lovinggood said. "We have a plan in place, but it will take time. We ask that all of our members stay safe and patient with us as our crews work around the clock to restore power."

OUTAGE STATUS
As of 8:20 p.m., an estimated 76 percent of our members (approximately 55,395 in total) remain without power due to devastating damage caused by Tropical Storm Helene.

Below are specific outage numbers by county:

Anderson: 9,074
Greenville: 5,538
Oconee: 18,653
Pickens: 22,080
Spartanburg: 43

We will continue to provide regular updates beginning Saturday morning. Thank you for helping communicate to the public the severity of the situation facing more than 1 million South Carolinians.

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