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Public partners,

Some Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative members will be without power for multiple days as Tropical Storm Helene has brought widespread damage to our area.

As of 8:45 a.m., approximately **63,000** Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative members were without power. This accounts for **85 percent of our members**. Crews have been assigned and will be dispatched when it is safe to do so. Wind speeds will have to decrease for crews with bucket trucks to work safely. Below are specific outage numbers by county:

Anderson: **10,241**
Greenville: **5,537**
Oconee: **24,042**
Pickens: **22,061**
Spartanburg: **43**

Please encourage your constiuents to stay indoors, avoid unnecessary travel and remain off the roads. We will continue to provide timely updates on outages and operations.

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