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Updated Repair Timeline for Power Restoration in Ocracoke is now 3-5 Days

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative (CHEC) and contract crews have simultaneously pursued two options for restoring permanent transmission service to Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands, waiting for one solution to emerge as the fastest, safest way to restore reliable transmission service. They determined today that the overhead line solution would be that option. Crews began installing the three-phase line last night. While this work is ongoing, the New River transmission crew will be constructing the riser to make the connection to the overhead power lines.

CHEC has revised their main-line transmission repair estimate to 3-5 days, which includes testing and phasing of electrical load to the new overhead transmission lines. County officials are cautiously optimistic that visitors could be able to return to the island as early as Saturday, August 5. However, this would require that the island is fully powered by the main transmission lines.

Loss information will continue to be collected from individuals and businesses, which will help the county to gauge the full economic impact of this event. The data collection forms will be available on the county website for those who were unable to visit the local disaster recovery center.

The Bread of Life Food Bank will be open tomorrow, August 3, from 9:00 am to 5:00pm, or until the food stocks are depleted. The Albemarle Food Bank will be making contributions to this effort and continue to support the local food bank as the island recovers from this event. If you need food assistance, or if you wish to contribute financial or material support, the Bread of Life Food Bank is located at the Ocracoke Assembly of God Church; 459 Lighthouse Road; Ocracoke, NC 27960. More information about the Bread of Life Food Pantry can be found at <http://www.ocracokeislandag.org/food-pantry.html>

As previously stated, individuals who are requesting more information about the Ocracoke Island Mandatory Evacuation Order, who have general questions about the status of Ocracoke

Island, or who are seeking authorization to travel to Ocracoke Island prior to the Mandatory Evacuation Order being lifted, should contact the Hyde County Emergency Operations Center at (252) 926-4374. Questions regarding access to, or information concerning, Hatteras Island should be directed to Dare County Emergency Management at (252) 475-5655. For the latest updates from Tideland EMC on electricity restoration, please visit their website or social media outlets.

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