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THE FCC'S PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEACTIVATION OF THE DISASTER INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM FOR HURRICANE IRMA

At the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has deactivated its Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) for Hurricane Irma.¹ Communications providers do not need to provide any additional reporting in DIRS in connection with this event. The FCC will, however, continue to monitor the status of communications services and work with providers and government partners as needed to support remaining restoration efforts.

The FCC anticipates that, within the next couple of days, FEMA will likely request activation of DIRS for Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and if that occurs, the FCC will issue a separate activation public notice specific to that event.

The FCC appreciates the cooperation of all the communications providers that voluntarily submitted data to DIRS in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. In disaster situations, information on the operational status of communications services provides critical situational awareness and supports effective emergency response and restoration efforts. The FCC published its final daily communications status report for Hurricane Irma today, September 18.

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¹ DIRS is a voluntary, web-based system that communications providers, including wireless, wireline, broadcast, cable and Voice over Internet Protocol providers, can use to report communications infrastructure status and situational awareness information during times of crisis.