THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES DEACTIVATION OF THE DISASTER INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM FOR HURRICANE BERYL

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has deactivated its Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) for Hurricane Beryl, at the request of the State of Texas, and in coordination with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. 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.

Effective today, no further reports to DIRS are requested in response to Hurricane Beryl. Also, effective today, Network Outage Reporting System reporting obligations under Part 4 of the Commission’s rules, which were suspended for providers reporting in DIRS while DIRS was activated, are now again in effect for new network outages for the area covered by DIRS reporting for Hurricane Beryl.

Providers are reminded that the activation of the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative (MDRI) for areas of Texas impacted by Hurricane Beryl remains in effect and that all provider mutual aid obligations under the MDRI must continue until the MDRI has been deactivated.

If there are major changes, whether improvements or setbacks, to the status of communications in the affected area, the FCC asks communications providers to supply that information directly to FCC personnel at the contact information below as events occur. The FCC continues to be available to address emergency communications needs related to Hurricane Beryl 24 hours per day, seven days per week through our 24-hour operations center, which can be reached on 202-418-1122 or fccops@fcc.gov. This combination of measures will provide the Commission with the necessary situational awareness as service restoration continues.

The FCC appreciates the cooperation of all the communications providers that submitted data to DIRS in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl. In disaster situations, information on the operational status of communications services provides critical situational awareness and supports effective emergency response.

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


3 The Federal Communications Commission Announces The Activation of the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative (MDRI) for Communications Impacts from Hurricane Beryl in Texas, Public Notice, DA 24-662 (rel. Jul. 8, 2024).
response and restoration efforts. The FCC published its final daily communications status report for Hurricane Beryl today, July 14, 2024.

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