

# Georgia Power wraps up restoration from Hurricane Hermine

*Company safely returns power to 250,000 in 2 ½ days over holiday weekend*



**Georgia Power's Unmanned Aerial System (a drone) took this picture of crews as they finished up their storm-recovery effort in the wake of Hurricane Hermine. The company used drones for the first time in a storm setting, flying the devices remotely over lines that were difficult to access to scout damage and speed restoration.**

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 – Georgia Power's system, and storm teams 3,200 strong, safely restored power to more than a quarter million Georgia Power customers during and following Hurricane Hermine.

The storm's dangerous winds and drenching rains on Friday broke limbs and downed huge trees across the southern half of the state. By Sunday afternoon, power had been restored to all customers whose facilities could take power in hard-hit South and Coastal Georgia.

The company's investments in Smart Grid technology paid dividends in isolating damaged areas and restoring service to many customers automatically, when hazardous weather conditions impeded initial response in the field.

Georgia Power also employed another technological innovation; the company's Unmanned Aerial System was used for the first time in an actual storm setting. Trained operators flew the device remotely over lines that were difficult to access to scout damage, and speed restoration.

As the most dangerous winds declined on Friday, damage assessment teams, tree crews, engineers and linemen began deploying to ensure a fast, safe restoration despite the storm's lingering effects.



**A crew from Alabama Power uses a boat to reach damaged equipment on Tybee Island.**