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Transcript:

Governor Christie: We do have concerns about wind and its effect on power. The President of the BPU, Richard Mroz, has been in regular contact with Atlantic City Electric and JCP&L, which are the two main providers in that area of the state. And much more Atlantic City Electric even than JCP&L. JCP&L has a small part, a good part of southern Ocean County that might be affected. They have crews already in place. They have crews out of state who have been sent here. They're in a wait and watch mode on power. The other thing that the wind does is beach erosion. The stronger the wind is, even if it's a little further offshore, that will still bring us very, very significant tidal surge. That will be more water on be barrier islands. That will mean more beach erosion. So the wind has two effects. Power, the first one you mentioned and two, the beach erosion and tidal surge both in there and later on the back bay surge that comes around as it loops back around. Those are the things that we're watching on the wind front. I think we really need to see does it elevate from a tropical storm to a hurricane when it gets over open water and does it track more or less closely than the current track to New Jersey. If it continues on the current track, hurricane force winds would have an effect on tidal surge and water, less of an effect on power because there is a longer distance to go. But that tidal surge will definitely affect us if they have that.

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