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Tropical Storm Chantal caused no major problems with the electricity infrastructure.

St. Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC) is reporting that the power system fared very well throughout the storm. There was no damage to infrastructure and the majority of customers had electricity throughout the storm.

In the north there were some isolated incidents of power fluctuations in some areas, small areas being without power, some reports of branches falling on lines and taking these lines to the ground, and two cases of meters being pulled off their mountings.

A small area in Monchy was out of power where a tree fell across a power line. A LUCELEC crew working with the St. Lucia Fire Service was able to clear the tree and restore the power fairly quickly.

In the south, in the early afternoon there was a power outage affecting the areas from Ravine Claire to Bouton, including Soufriere Town. There were isolated outages in Belle Plaine and Etangs as well.

LUCELEC's Trouble Call crews have been in the field through most of the day attending to these and in many instances these faults have been dealt with.

With the all clear having been given, some additional crews have been dispatched to speed up the resolution of the faults that have been reported.

LUCELEC reminds customers that faults should be reported to its Trouble Call section at 452-2165 in the North and 454-6617 in the South.

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