Austin Energy General Manager's Report

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Microburst Storm May 28, 2025

- Third-worst storm in recent history
- Second-most storm damage to Austin Energy infrastructure
- Thunderstorms with extreme rain and lightning
- High Winds: 60-80 mph
- Large Hail: 1-1.5 inch

Supercell approaching Austin Metro. Photo credit: Mark Braziel via KXAN.







MAY MICROBURST STORM: Affected Customers Over Time At peak, 72,506 customers out



Field Response









MICROBURST STORM RESTORATION May 28 – June 1, 2025

- 124,000
 total customers affected and restored
- **2**,**5**00 customers affected at the peak of the storm
 - **91** power poles replaced
 - 52 transformers replaced
- **32,000** feet of overhead cable restored
- 25,000 outage-related inquiries fielded
- **1** 680 Austin Energy field staff and contractors activated
- 311 mutual aid crew members responded
- 8 \$6.5 Million initial cost estimate



Continuous Improvement Strategy

Improvements Implemented for this Storm Response

- Revised Incident Management Team structure
- Streamlined damage assessment processes
- Phased "Restoration 1-2-3" process
- Enhanced outage map capacity
- Better mutual aid coordination and pre-drafted contracts

After-Action Review for Microburst Storm Response







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