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**The rural power outage caused
by solar power generation**



Overview

Leah Qusba: Based on publicly available information, there is no evidence that wind or solar generation was a primary cause of outages during Fern. The overwhelming driver of customer outages appears to have been weather-related damage to the distribution system. To separate the rhetoric from the operational reality, Electrek spoke with Leah Qusba, CEO of GoodPower, a. Recent major blackouts were largely caused by extreme weather conditions that are increasingly impacting the ability of the power system to provide reliable electricity. Power outages have surged 93 percent over the last 5 years, as states have added 60 percent more wind and solar energy. The current 11-year solar cycle is reaching peak activity with sunspots, solar flares, and coronal mass ejections. Since the 1700s, we have counted and documented these cycles. In particular, solar-powered microgrids, where solar energy is paired with battery storage, can provide power for rural communities while.

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