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LIRR to Restore Full Service on All Branches as of Thursday AM Rush

Greenport and Montauk Service Returns, Bringing All 11 Branches Back Online Following Hurricane Irene

MTA Long Island Rail Road will be up and running on all 11 branches Thursday morning for the first time since Hurricane Irene struck when it restores service between Ronkonkoma and Greenport and the North Fork of Long Island in time for summer's last hurrah.

"We are delighted to be able to provide full service on all of our branches in time for customers who are traveling for the Labor Day weekend," said LIRR President Helena E. Williams. "We know how important our service is to the local economy and to our customers' travel plans.

"We want to thank our customers for their patience during this difficult week as well as our employees for their extraordinary efforts and dedication in restoring service following Hurricane Irene. We also are appreciative of the efforts of LIPA in helping us restore local power to dozens of crossing gates, especially on the East End of Long Island."

Westbound from Greenport and Riverhead

5:30 AM from Greenport scheduled to arrive at Penn Station at 8:20 AM.
 9:21 AM from Riverhead scheduled to arrive at Penn Station at 11:32 AM
 12:41 PM from Greenport scheduled to arrive at Penn Station at 3:32 PM
 3:58 PM from Riverhead scheduled to arrive at Penn Station at 6:08 PM
 9:44 PM from Greenport scheduled to arrive at Penn Station at 12:40 AM

Eastbound to Greenport and Riverhead

9:14 AM from Penn Station scheduled to arrive at Greenport at 12:07 PM
 1:13 PM from Penn Station scheduled to arrive at Riverhead at 3:26 PM
 3:55 PM from Penn Station scheduled to arrive at Yaphank at 5:40 PM on Thursday (arrive at Greenport at 6:45 PM on Friday)
 5:41 PM from Penn Station scheduled to arrive at Greenport at 8:17 PM.

Earlier today, the LIRR announced the resumption of service out to Montauk to the relief of thousands of New Yorkers with plans to spend the weekend on the East End.

Since there are still local power outages at LIRR stations, customers are advised that ticket selling machines and electronic audio/visual train announcement systems may not be operable. As a result, customers at stations where the trains are operating ticket selling machines will **not** be charged the higher on-board fare for tickets purchased on the train.

Thousands of MTA LIRR employees have worked around-the-clock since Irene moved through the New York area on Sunday to restore train service over 100 miles of track stretching from Manhattan to tip of Suffolk County.

For the latest information on LIRR train service, customers should monitor news and traffic reports, visit www.mta.info or sign up for e-mail/text message service alerts from the LIRR. Customers can also contact the LIRR's Travel Information Center at 718-217-5477 (718-217-LIRR). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 718-217-5477.