

September 24, 2004 Electronic Bulletin No. 575 Re: Hurricane Jeanne Threatens Florida's East Coast

Hurricane Jeanne is currently a category 2 storm with maximum sustained winds near 100 mph and the potential to drop up to ten inches of rain along its path. As of mid-day Friday September 24, Jeanne was approximately 200 miles east of the Bahamas moving in a west - northwest direction. Jeanne could make land fall along the central part of Florida's east coast as early as Sunday September 26. The projected path of Jeanne would then take it in a generally north eastern direction through Jacksonville, FL and along the coast of Georgia, and the Carolinas.

In preparation for Hurricane Jeanne, the CSX will stop accepting in-gates of loads billed to any Florida destination at 00:01 Sunday. Pacer volume billed to Florida that originates on the UPRR will continue to be accepted for the time being. The FEC has stopped accepting interchanges from the CSX at Jacksonville. Pacer volume already in-gate or moving in the network into and out of Florida, Georgia, and Charleston, SC will likely be impacted by Jeanne as early as Sunday.

The CSX ramp in Jacksonville, FL will close at 00:30 Sunday. There are currently no plans to close the CSX Savannah and Charleston ramps. The port of Savannah is planned for closure at 21:00 Sunday.

Given that we are still experiencing residual delays from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Ivan, any additional delays caused by Jeanne will likely push back further a return to normal service in the Pacer southeast network. Further communications will be provided as additional information becomes available.