

The New York Times: A Bird is Blamed as 10,000 Lose Power in New Orleans

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[Eric Smith](#), professor of practice in management science and associate director of the [Tulane Energy Institute](#), was quoted in a [New York Times story](#) about a power outage that became fodder for jokes when Entergy New Orleans said it likely caused by an errant bird.

“We do tend to have probably a higher rate of outages than some other comparable urban areas,” Professor Smith said.

Still, he said, some complaints about the grid’s reliability were unfair, pointing out that animals have posed a threat to infrastructure in other places.

“It’s not like you feel like you’re living in a third world country,” he said.
“New York has its issues with rats. It’s not just New Orleans.”

To read the story in its entirety, visit [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com):

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/09/us/new-orleans-power-outage-bird.html>