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FEC EOP Drill Notification

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Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 10:03 AM

To: Joseph Minshew <joseph.minshew@tdem.texas.gov>

Cc: Barry Bass <barry@fecnm.org>, Michael McCord <michael@fecnm.org>

Mr. Minshew.

Pursuant to 16 Texas Admin Code 25.53(f), Farmers' Electric Cooperative of New Mexico is providing notice to the PUCT that it is conducting this year's Emergency Operations Plan drill via a tabletop exercise in which we will simulate the loss of a large portion of our system due to transmission issues. For compliance with PUCT requirements, we are providing notification of this planned exercise.

This exercise will take place on February 12, 2024 at 11AM in our board room at our headquarters here in Clovis, NM. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Also, if I need to notify someone other than you on these matters, please let me know.

Best regards,

Antonio R. Sanchez, Jr., MSE, PE

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Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 11:31 AM

To: Antonio Sanchez <antonio@fecnm.org>, Barry Bass <barry@fecnm.org>, Rick Ragland <rick@fecnm.org>

I've removed Joseph and added Rick for internal FEC planning. To my knowledge, we have only done two tabletop exercises in my 15 years here; one on cybersecurity and one on Clovis Interchange. The rest of the time we've had a "significant" event during the year that we were able to use as a real world example. However, I see value in doing a deep dive into what-if scenarios to make FEC more resilient. In order to make this a useful exercise that actually benefits the coop we may want to preplan a little better and also look at implementing the takeaways. I've reached out to the Local Emergency Planning Committee to see if they might be able to help us develop this tabletop exercise skill.

I have a couple questions for the group to get us started:

What are some scenarios you would like to look at? What does each foreman see as the top 3 weak links in their area?

Michael McCord Manager of Engineering Farmers' Electric Coop 575-769-2116

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Barry Bass

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Good questions.

Would you like us to pus this out to all the areas?

Barry Bass

Farmers Electric Cooperative

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Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 3:05 PM

Yes. I would like to know what the guys see in the field since they work it daily. Operations has a different perspective than Engineering. Looking from both directions, we can avoid some blindspots.

Thank you!

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Antonio Sanchez <antonio@fecnm.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2024 at 8:36 AM

To: Joseph Minshew <joseph.minshew@tdem.texas.gov>

Cc: Barry Bass <barry@fecnm.org>, Michael McCord <michael@fecnm.org>

Good morning Mr. Minshew,

As a courtesy, I wanted to let you know the tabletop exercise for our Emergency Operations Plan, as required by the PUCT was completed as scheduled as per the email I sent you back on January 12, 2024. This year's exercise focused on a transmission outage at the input side of our Tucumcarri Interchange, during a peak season loading time. We discussed the effects this would have on our system with focus being on how we could possibly keep the lights on for most everyone. We invited Ruthann Kelly, Emergency Management Director for the City of Clovis to participate. She accepted our invitation and joined us. This exercise has helped us focus on areas we need to address sooner than later in order to be able to handle this situation should it arise.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

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