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LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO LARGE-SCALE POWER OUTAGES

On August 19, 2003, on a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, your Board directed the Chief Administrative Office, assisted by Internal Services, Health Services, Public Works, Fire, and Sheriff, to develop a report on the County's ability to respond to a large-scale power outage of the type that had recently occurred on the East Coast.

On September 19, 2003, I sent your Board an interim report on the ability of County departments to respond to a large-scale power outage. At that time, I requested a 120-day extension in order to convene a multi-disciplinary taskforce, with utilities' participation, to have more in-depth discussions about the probability of a large-scale power outage occurring in Los Angeles County, and to determine utilities' ability to sustain their operations in such an event. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) established the "Operational Area Power Outage Taskforce", which includes members from the Internal Services Department, Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. My OEM staff held several meetings with the taskforce and met individually with each utility to gain their input on a questionnaire concerning the sustainability of their services. The questionnaire results were then used to develop a draft report for your Board.

Although the report is drafted, it still must be cleared by executive management for each of the participating utilities. For that reason, I am requesting an extension of an additional sixteen days. The final report will be submitted to you on April 16, 2004.

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c: Emergency Management Council
Operational Area Power Outage Taskforce