



Agenda Item #8A

March 31st Electric Power Summit Report

*Presented to
COG Board of Directors
July 14, 2004*





Background

- Electric Power Summit held March 31, 2004
- Purposes –
 - Share lesson's learned from Isabel and how they are being applied.
 - Identify potential actions for consideration by COG
- 100 Participants
- 3 Primary Panels
 - Electric & Gas Utilities
 - Water Utilities
 - Regulatory & Advocacy Organizations



Preparation of Power Summit Report

- ❑ Drafted by COG staff based on summit discussion
- ❑ Reviewed by CAOs, CAOs' Energy Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC), panelists, and staff from James Lee Witt & Associates
- ❑ CAOs and EPAC recommend Board endorsement



Power Summit Report Content

- Introduction
- Panel Highlights
 - Electric & Gas Utilities
 - Water Utilities
 - Regulatory and Advocacy Organizations
- COG Staff Suggested Directions
- Discussion and Recommendations

Note – full written transcript and unedited video of summit are available.



Priority Regional Recommendations

- ❑ Scenario Development & Testing
- ❑ Vegetation and Tree Management
- ❑ Service Restoration Priorities
- ❑ Public Education and Outreach Campaign
- ❑ Dry Ice



Scenario Development & Testing

- ❑ Design & implement regional exercises to test new electric power emergency plans and water supply emergency plans
- ❑ Leads – Emergency managers, utility managers assisted by CAOs and Senior Policy Group
- ❑ “Command Post” exercise in September has been scheduled with energy scenario focus
- ❑ Additional regional exercises should be conducted to demonstrate applications of lessons learned



Vegetation & Tree Management

- COG convene stakeholders to
 - Share policies and plans
 - Discuss issues
 - Identify best practices for vegetation/tree management
 - Facilitated meeting
- Participants – Utilities, local and state govt. officials, state regulatory bodies, COG Community Forestry Network, citizen representatives



Service Restoration Priorities

- ❑ Collaborative process to establish service restoration priorities; a focus must be on special needs populations
- ❑ Leads – electric utilities, elected officials, public service commissions
- ❑ COG assist as facilitator/convener



Public Education & Outreach Campaign

- ❑ Develop public education and outreach program focused on electric power emergencies – how to prepare, what to expect, emergency decision-making, where to get information
- ❑ Leads – Utility/energy managers, emergency managers, PIOs
- ❑ Integrate with UASI Public Education Campaign; supplemental information may be needed



Dry Ice

- Address as public education issue
- Focus on food preservation methods and food safety during power outages



Requested Board Actions

- Guidance/feedback on report priority recommendations
- Endorsement of Report – authorize Executive Director to implement recommendations; work with stakeholders and DHS ONCRC Director