

## President & CEO's Report for November 29, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

Connecting. Listening. Engaging. Serving.

Rudy D. Garza

President & CEO

## **AGENDA**



- SUBDIVISION CHALLENGES
- FINANCIAL TRANSACTION UPDATE
- SUPPLIER DIVERSITY GROWTH
- GRILLSGIVING
- JOINT TABLETOP EXERCISE
- EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

# SUBDIVISION CHALLENGES DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS UNAVAILABLE



- Primary drivers remain labor & raw material shortages, compounded by booming growth in our service area (50% increase compared to prepandemic levels)
- Competing with:
  - Growth on other systems
  - System hardening efforts
  - 5G projects
  - EV demand for raw materials & manufacturer production time
- DOE engaged: considering use of Defense Production Act to address supply chain issues for distribution transformers



Supply of critical equipment and materials is decreasing while demand continues to grow, widening the gap between what is available and what is needed.

UTILITY BUSINESS

#### **Utility Supply Chain Chaos**

July 19, 2022

Short supply of large transformers is concerning, but it's not the only challenge electric utilities face when it comes to supply chain.

Teresa Hansen



Home builders advised of transformer supply shortages

Texas Public Radio | By Brian Kirkpatrick Published August 3, 2022 at 11:33 AM CDT



# SUBDIVISION CHALLENGES CONSTRUCTION IMPACTED DUE TO VOLUME OF MATERIALS REQUIRED



## **Current Material Impacts**

**Distribution Transformers** 

**Insulated Cable** 

Poles (Wood & Steel)

**Gas Risers & Regulators** 

**Meter Cans (Commercial & Industrial)** 

## **Mitigations**

**Increased Sourcing Diversification** 

**Continuous Specifications Review** 

Procure Components, Assemble In-House

Refurbish/Re-Use Equipment

**Review of Customer-Referred Material** 

We conducted a virtual meeting this month to allow our Developer Customers to hear directly about issues with Transformer Vendors.

## **2018 REMARKETING RESULTS**



- Continued confidence in our credit strength drove Investor interest
  - 2X orders received from 7 different Investors
  - Investor interest allowed us to reduce the expected interest rate by 3 basis points
- Good results for our community
  - Lower debt service costs using variable rate bonds instead of fixed rate bonds (~3.00% vs 5.00%)

Despite challenging economic conditions, our strong credit & underwriter performance generated good demand for these bonds. This allowed us to lower yields, generating lower debt service for our customers.

# SUPPLIER DIVERSITY GROWTH Q4 SUPPLIER OUTREACH





## **November 17**

Small & Medium Business Event

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

Partnered w/ LULAC

129 Small Business Attendees
21 Peer Agencies Represented



## **November 30**

Weatherization Event
Partnered w/ Community Engagement
692 Trade Contractors Contacted



## **December 7**

SMWVBO Conference Annual Event Title Sponsor 4,000 Attendees

## **GRILLSGIVING 2022**

## A CELEBRATION OF MEAT & MUSIC

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- 28 Barbeque Teams
- 1,280 in Attendance
- +1.7M Media
   Touchpoints
- \$221,000 Total Raised



Life on the Handline Team & Friends



Fat Side Up Team & Friends



Vice Chair & BBQ Judge, Janie Gonzalez



Headliner: The Powell Brothers



Rudy D. Garza visiting teams

This was time for fellowship with our community & an opportunity to raise funds to support those in need.

## JOINT TABLETOP EXERCISES

## PREPARING FOR WINTER



- We hosted a second Joint Tabletop Exercise on 11/16
  - CoSA, SAWS, Bexar County & other agencies
  - Severe winter event designed to test/enhance interagency cooperation & processes
- Huge overall success
  - Utilized Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group model
  - Included members from Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM), 2-1-1, & Whataburger

Our Incident
Management Team
discusses strategy at the
simulated Incident
Response Center (IRC)





MAC Group members discuss scenarios with exercise facilitators

The success of the exercise demonstrated the strides made to improve communication & agency interoperability during a severe weather event.

## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

## **CYBERSECURITY TEAM**

Jonathan Homer – Chief Security Officer
Brandon Pixley – Director of Cybersecurity
Darren Hulskotter – Sr. Mgr. Cyber Ops
Christopher Knox – Sr. Mgr. Risk & Assurance
Bryan Medina – Mgr. Threat & Vuln. Mgmt.
Vijaya Babu Pounraj – Mgr. Infrastructure Security



- Tyrone Anderson
- David Bernal
- Brandon Daugherty
- Ramiro De Los Santos
- Erika Garza
- Donny Henderson
- Deborah Jarmon

- Michael Lanier
- George McCauley
- Osvaldo Perez
- Jason Plant
- Santos Taboada
- Miguel Tarango
- Luis Reyes

October was Cybersecurity Awareness Month. We hosted 4 Lunch & Learns, had 10 teams participate in a virtual cyber escape room, & interviewed 3 Chiefs supporting CSAM.



### Key Accomplishments in 2022:

- Established 5-Year Strategy
- Securely Configured New Cloud Environment
- Securely Configured New Gas Environment (BTE/Gas SCADA/Int. Security Project)
- Implemented New Corporate Endpoint Security & Network Monitoring Tools
- Implemented New OT Network Monitoring & Endpoint Detection & Response Tools
- Analyzed 2,508 Malicious Phishing Emails
- Mitigated 2,278 Segregation of Duties Risks in SAP



## **STAY INVOLVED & CONNECTED**



## **Board of Trustees Meetings**

 Meetings are typically held at 1:00 pm on the last Monday of every month

## Rate Advisory Committee (RAC)

cpsenergy.com/rac

## **Customer Assistance Programs**

cpsenergy.com/assistance

#### **Rate Information & Bill Estimator**

cpsenergy.com/newrates

## **Community Fairs & more**

cpsenergy.com/events

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