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Board Memo 093-2024: Hurricane Beryl near Matagorda Bay, Texas

Executive Board,

Below is an update from Michael Swigart, the Executive Director of Continuity and Preparedness, regarding Hurricane Beryl making landfall yesterday, July 8th near Matagorda Bay, TX.

Situation:

- Hurricane Beryl made landfall at 0500 near Matagorda Bay TX as a Category 1 hurricane with winds at 75 mph.
- Currently the system is located about 45 miles North Northwest of Houston TX. the center of Beryl will move over eastern Texas today, then move through the Lower Mississippi Valley into the Ohio Valley on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 70 mph. Steady weakening is forecast, and Beryl is expected to become a post-tropical cyclone on Tuesday.
- Power outages, degraded cellular service and flooded roadways are the biggest impacts along the storm's path, particularly in the Houston area.
 - Normal operations today where accessible and employees have reported. Texas 3 District and the McAllen, Corpus Christie and San Antonio processing facilities have no impacts and normal operations.
 - Assessments the Texas 2 District, specifically the Houston area, are ongoing as weather and access permits.

People:

- Employees in Texas 3, McAllen, Corpus Christie and San Antonio processing facilities are all safe and accounted for.
- Accounting for employees (all functions) along the storm's path are underway but hampered by cellular service outages.
- Very heavy call ins across all functions in and around the Houston area are impacting availability.

Property:

Retail and Delivery

- Two (2) offices in the Texas 2 District suffered minor door damage and one (1) has reported water intrusion.
- Ninety-three (93) offices are known to be without power.

Processing and Logistics

- Three (3) processing facilities have lost power (North Houston; South Houston; and Beaumont).
 - Current ETA for two of the large generators is between 1400 and 1500 (central). ETA for the third generator is 1400 tomorrow.

Product:

- Normal operations for all Districts; Processing and Logistics but impacted by power loss, flooded roadways, and heavy employee call ins (availability).
- There were no Amazon drops this morning in the areas impacted by Beryl.
- Airport operations at Houston have been suspended.
- There was no FedEx nighttime inbound in Houston last night, waiting for FedEx plans for tonight and tomorrow.
- Southwest Division, Southwest Logistics and BMEU are coordinating temporary contingencies while power, access and employee availability stabilize for the Houston processing facilities. Current contingency includes:

- Inbound mail to N Houston to be re-directed to STC.
- Initial re-directs of BMEU drops will be to the Dallas NDC.

Communications:

- The Employee Emergency Hotline is being updated to reflect normal operations for today. Unions and Management Associations are being briefed daily.
- Post-hurricane stand up talks (SUTs) are being provided and will continue on a daily basis across all functions.
- The next scheduled touchpoints is 1100 (Eastern) Tuesday July 9, 2024.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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