Gas System Restoration and Remediation: Post Katrina

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Agenda

- 1. Overview of ENOI Gas System
- 2. Impact of Katrina
- 3. Restoration Progress

Overview of ENOI Gas System

Gas System

- Servicing Orleans Parish for 100+ years
- 30 miles of gas transmission
- 14 interconnects provide supply
- 1,495 miles of distribution mains
- 1,028 miles of services
- 144,000 customers
- Initial construction was cast iron
- Replacements and additions were with steel, and limited use of plastic in more recent times

Gas System (Continued)

- Low pressure portion referred to as utilization pressure (UP)
 - 7 inches water column, operating pressure
 - 0.25 pounds per square inch
- System originally constructed used town gas
- Operated at lower pressures
- Migrated to natural gas in late 1920s
- Newer portions are high pressure
 - 90 pounds pressure, operating pressure

Overview of ENOI Gas System

	System Mileage
HP Steel	700
HP/UP Plastic	145
Low Pressure, Utilization Pressure	650
Cast Iron	324
Steel	326
Totals	1,495

Low Pressure - Cast Iron and Steel



City of New Orleans Ground Elevations From Canal St. at the Mississippi River To the Lakefront at U.N.O.





Impact of Katrina

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Risers From Damaged Houses Release Natural Gas

Lakeview Area Remains Under Water for Weeks



Risers From Damaged Houses Release Natural Gas



Extensive Flooding







Impact of Katrina

- Areas with severe flooding
- 108,731 houses had over 4 feet of water



Release of Water Upon Removal of Tap



How Did Water Get Into The Gas System?

- Damaged facilities
 - Meters
 - Service lines
 - Mains
 - Customer fuel lines
- Not Just Water
 - Silt and Debris



Damaged Meter Set



Damaged Meter Set



Extent of Pipeline Flooding

	System Mileage	Mileage Flooded
HP Steel	700	310
HP/UP Plastic	145	{35}
Low Pressure, Utilization Pressure	650	534
Cast Iron	324	257
Steel	326	277
Totals	1,495	844

Extent of Flooding -How Much Water Infiltrated?

- 534 Miles of UP Flooded
- Average line size of 6 inches
- Volume in one mile of 6 inch is approximately 7,750 gallons
- If full 4.14 million gallons of water
- If half full 2.07 million gallons

Extent of Flooding and Restoration -UP System (millions of gallons)

Volume - Full Basis	4.14
Volume - Half-Full Basis	2.07
Volume of Water Removed - December 15	2.23
Volume of Water Removed - January 1	2.68





Restoration Progress

Base Restoration

Restoration Process

- Assessment of Damage
- Securing System
- De-Watering
- Restoring Customers

Barge Used For Assessment



Helicopters and GPS Used to Identify Leak Locations



Diver Entering Water



Diver Securing A Leak



Diver Isolating Valves



Segmenting The System


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Dewatering - Part of Routine Operations Pre-Katrina

- Thousands of low points throughout the parish
- Water pumped from siphons
- Rainwater
- 1,442 pre-Katrina





Dewatering - Post Katrina



- Tremendous volume of water
- Brackish water salts
- 589 siphons added post-Katrina









New Orleans Gas System Status – Katrina









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