

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Outage Report Information

INITIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rules, Section 25.52 (e)(1)

Each utility must send the following information to the Public Utility Commission as soon as reasonably possible after a significant interruption of service has occurred.

Utility name: El Paso Electric Company

Utility contact person: Joe Nevarez Phone: (915) 543-5719

Date and time of significant interruption: June 29, 2009 07:50 PM MDT

Estimated date and time of full restoration: June 30, 2009 06:12 AM MDT

Suspected cause of the interruption: EPE experienced a fault on the Alamo to Sierra Blanca 69 kV transmission line. Flash floods in the McNary area, approximately 33 miles southeast of Fabens, caused the base of a transmission structure to wash out. The adjacent structure then failed due to the additional weight of the transmission line. This caused a sustained three-phase fault on the radial transmission line that provides electric service to the towns of Sierra Blanca, Fort Hancock, and Van Horn, Texas. EPE crews had to clear approximately two miles of sandy terrain in order to deliver materials to the site of the failed structure. This caused additional delay to the restoration of the transmission line. The towns of Fort Hancock and Sierra Blanca were restored at approximately 10:30 PM, through EPE's distribution system. Work crews replaced the failed transmission structure and restored the transmission line at 5:53 AM MDT. Service to remaining customers in the Van Horn area was restored by 6:12 AM MDT.

Location, substation and feeder identifiers of all affected facilities (if known at time of report): Sierra Blanca Substation, Feeders: SB-1, SB-20. Van Horn Substation, Feeders Van Horn-1, Van Horn-2. Farmer Substation, Feeder: Farmer-20.

Estimated total number of customers affected: Approximately 3,000 retail customers were affected in the towns of Sierra Blanca, Fort Hancock, and Van Horn. One wholesale customer – Rio Grande Electric Cooperative.

Local authorities that have been notified of the interruption: The mayor of Van Horn was notified of the interruption.

Local media that are aware of the interruption: None at this time.