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- TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: MARK ANDREWS CHIEF...AVIATION SERVICES BRANCH OFFICE OF CLIMATE WATER AND WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNED POWER OUTAGE AT AVIATION WEATHER CENTER SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29 2004

ON TUESDAY...JUNE 29 2004 AT 1100 PM CDT...0400 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ AVIATION WEATHER CENTER /AWC/ IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI WILL CONDUCT A PLANNED POWER OUTAGE. THIS OUTAGE IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT MAINTENANCE TO FACILITY POWER SYSTEMS AND CONTINUE WITH ADVANCED TROUBLESHOOTING OF THE MAY 2004 POWER OUTAGE WHICH NECESSITATES TURNING POWER OFF AT THE AWC. THE OUTAGE MAY LAST UP TO SIX HOURS BUT WILL END NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY JUNE 30 2004 AT 500 AM CDT /1000 UTC/.

MAINTENANCE REQUIRES A ZERO CHANCE OF LIGHTNING DURING THE OUTAGE. THEREFORE...THE OUTAGE WILL BE RESCHEDULED IF THERE IS A CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AREA.

THE AIR FORCE WEATHER AGENCY /AFWA/...THE TROPICAL PREDICTION CENTER /TPC/...THE NWS HONOLULU FORECAST OFFICE /PHFO/ AND THE UNITED KINGDOM METEOROLOGICAL CENTRE IN EXETER UK WILL PROVIDE BACKUP FOR THE AWC.

AFWA WILL ISSUE SIGMETS AND CONVECTIVE SIGMETS AS REQUIRED AND AIRMETS EVERY SIX HOURS FOR THE CONUS. AFWA WILL SEND THEIR PRODUCTS TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS GATEWAY /NWSTG/.

TPC WILL ISSUE SIGMETS FOR THE ATLANTIC...GULF OF MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN SEA.

WFO HONOLULU WILL ISSUE SIGMETS FOR THE PACIFIC.

THE UK MET CENTRE IN EXETER WILL ISSUE HIGH LEVEL SIGNIFICANT WEATHER CHARTS EVERY SIX HOURS TO THE NWSTG FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD AREA FORECAST SYSTEM /WAFS/.

THE AVIATION DIGITAL DATA SERVICE /ADDS/ AT /USE LOWER CASE/ HTTP://ADDS.AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV AND THE AWC WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE/ HTTP://AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DURING THE OUTAGE. SUBSCRIBERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT FOLDER DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM /IFFDP/ WILL RECEIVE FAXES DUE TO ARRIVE AT 0400 UTC...0500 UTC AND 0600 UTC AT 0300 UTC. FAXES FOR 0700 UTC...0800 UTC AND 0900 UTC WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POWER IS RESTORED.

IN THE EVENT OF CRITICAL WEATHER CONDITIONS...THE OUTAGE WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE OUTAGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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