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Brownsville PUB Prepares for Freezing Temperatures

(Brownsville, TX) – Brownsville PUB (BPUB) is prepared and ready for the freezing temperatures expected for the end of this week.

BPUB trucks are stocked and fueled up to respond quickly in case of an emergency. Crews are on standby and are keeping abreast of the weather. All available generation units at the Silas Ray Power Plant are being prepared, as well as the distributed generation, in case the utility has to run at full generation capacity. The electrical substations throughout the City are being monitored in case load needs to be transferred to avoid overloads due to increased electrical consumption.

Exposed pipes at BPUB's Water and Wastewater Plants have been insulated to prevent them from breaking. BPUB's Water/Wastewater Department is gathering enough material such as PVC pipe, cast iron lines and caliche in case of water or wastewater line breaks.

Should there be a power interruption or water line break due to the freezing temperatures, the utility and its employees are ready to restore services to Brownsville residents as quickly as possible. The utility will continue to monitor the weather situation.

BPUB has the following recommendations:

- Check to see that pipes in unheated parts of your home are insulated.
- Insulate all exposed pipes located outside your home.
- To prevent pipes from freezing you can:
 - 1) Let the faucets drip slowly (5 drops per minute) or
 - 2) Shut-off the main water valve and drain cold water from your pipes.
- Make sure the lid on the water meter is on, to prevent it from freezing.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows where the main water shut-off valve is in case a pipe breaks and it is necessary to turn the water off.

For emergencies, please contact Brownsville PUB at 983-6300.

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