CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS
CONSUMER HEALTH DIVISION

POWER OUTAGE PLAN OF ACTION INFORMATION

An emergency alert has been released stating that due to the extreme weather and increased usage of electricity, it is possible that consumers may be subject to power outages.

In the event of a rolling blackout at your facility, please do the following:

- Cease all food service operations.
- Cover all foods with lids or plastic.
- Place cold food inside cooler, and close the door. DO NOT open and close the refrigerator. Keep it closed and lock it if possible.

When power is restored:

- Allow refrigerators and freezers to recover, and DO NOT open the doors until the thermometer reads 41°F or below.
- Check food temperatures before operating. Any cold foods warmer than 41 ^{o}F should be destroyed, and any hot foods cooler than 135 ^{o}F should be destroyed.
- Check to ensure dish machines are cleaning and sanitizing properly before use.
- 100 ^{o}F hot water is required at all hand sinks before any work is done.

Electricity conservation tips:

- Limit electricity usage to what is absolutely necessary. Turn off unnecessary lights, especially during hot afternoon hours, and unplug unnecessary appliances and electronic equipment.
- Use the three-compartment sink to manually wash dishes instead of the dish machine.
- Close blinds on windows that receive direct sun, set A/C units to 80 degrees, use fans.
- More tips can be found at www.puc.state.tx.us/agency/conserve/Conserve.aspx

For more information, contact NRH Consumer Health at 817-427-6650 or as follows:

Public Utility Commission Consumer Hotline: 1-888-782-8777

Office of Public Utility Counsel Consumer Assistance: 1-877-839-0363

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