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SUBJECT: CPA 0769: ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY ESSENTIAL SERVICES REPORT, MARCH 17

1. (SBU) SUMMARY. HEADLINES OF PARAGRAPHS 3-9 REFLECT GOALS IN THE COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN. CPA-WASHINGTON DISTRIBUTES ALL THREE ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORTS - ESSENTIAL SERVICES, ECONOMIC, AND GOVERNANCE - WITH GRAPHICS VIA EMAIL. THE ECONOMIC, GOVERNANCE, AND AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES REPORTS WILL BE POSTED AFTER 48 HOURS ON THE CPA WEBSITE, WWW.CPA-IRAQ.ORG. THE FULL ESSENTIAL SERVICES REPORT REMAINS SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. END SUMMARY.

2. (SBU) HIGHLIGHTS

-- ELEVEN OUT OF 18 GOVERNORATES AVERAGED OVER 16 HOURS OF DAILY POWER THIS WEEK.

-- RECONSTRUCTION OF AL MAT BRIDGE, A KEY TRANSPORTATION LINK ON THE MAIN HIGHWAY BETWEEN BAGHDAD AND JORDAN, IS COMPLETE.

-- THE AVERAGE CRUDE OIL EXPORT FOR MARCH IS 2 MILLION

BARRELS PER DAY.

PROVIDE ELECTRICITY SERVICES THAT MEET NATIONAL NEEDS

3. (SBU) CPA TASKS: IMPROVE GENERATING CAPACITY TO 6000MW BY JULY 1, 2004; FULLY IMPLEMENT POLICY ON ALLOCATION OF ELECTRICAL POWER; PUBLISH DRAFT OF LONG TERM STRATEGY; MINIMIZE SABOTAGE AND IMPROVE SECURITY

-- THE SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE (MARCH 6 - 12) OF PEAK ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION WAS 4,012 MW, AN INCREASE OF 1.5 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK. ON MARCH 12, PEAK PRODUCTION HIT A HIGH FOR THE WEEK AT 4,144 MW.

-- THE SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE (MARCH 6-12) PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY WAS 87,064 MWH PER DAY, AN INCREASE OF 0.9 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK. ON MARCH 12, THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY PEAKED FOR THE WEEK AT 90,670 MW.

-- THE FOLLOWING CHART PRESENTS THE DAILY ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION BROKEN DOWN AMONG THE NORTH, CENTRAL (INCLUDING BAGHDAD), AND SOUTH REGIONS. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE NORTH CONSUMED AN AVERAGE OF 937 MW PER DAY, 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL POWER CONSUMPTION. PER DAY, THE CENTRAL REGION CONSUMED 2,229 MW, 60 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL, AND THE SOUTH CONSUMED 580 MW, 15 PERCENT OF TOTAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION DURING THE PAST WEEK.

-- AS OF 12 MARCH, 646 MW (18 GENERATORS) OF GENERATING CAPACITY WAS ON FORCED (UNPLANNED) OUTAGE, AND 1,256 MW (20 GENERATORS) WAS ON SCHEDULED OUTAGE. AS OF MARCH 12, EIGHT (400 KV) TRANSMISSION LINES AND SEVEN (132 KV) TRANSMISSION LINES WERE OUT OF SERVICE.

RECONSTRUCT COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL SYSTEMS

4. (SBU) CPA TASKS: BUILD IRAQ'S FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK; ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT REGULATORY AGENCY; UPGRADE IRAQI TELEPHONE AND POSTAL COMPANY (ITPC) NETWORK FOR INTEROPERABILITY; BUILD TRANSMISSION COMPONENT DATA NETWORK FOR IRAQ, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS; RESTRUCTURE ITPC AND ITS BUSINESS OPERATIONS; UPGRADE AND MODERNIZE POSTAL SYSTEMS; UPGRADE ITPC OUTSIDE PLANT FOR INCREASED SUBSCRIBER CAPACITY AND USE

-- THE IRAQI TELEPHONE AND POSTAL COMPANY (ITPC) FOCUSED ITS EFFORTS ON FIXING THE OUTSIDE PLANT (THE LINES RUNNING FROM THE HOUSE TO THE SWITCH BOX) THIS WEEK. THE ITPC DID NOT CONNECT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF SHORTAGES IN JUMPER CABLES USED TO CONNECT NEW SUBSCRIBERS. SINCE MAY 2003, CPA HAS REINSTATED TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR 122,980 SUBSCRIBERS.

-- THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS DELINEATE THE NUMBER OF LANDLINE AND CELL PHONE SUBSCRIBERS IN IRAQ, AND COMPARE THEM TO PRE-WAR ESTIMATES. THE CHART BELOW SHOWS THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE SUBSCRIBERS IN APRIL 2003, THE CURRENT NUMBER OF ACTIVE SUBSCRIBERS, THE NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS REINSTATED POST-CONFLICT (SINCE MAY 2003), AND THE NUMBER OF FORMERLY ACTIVE SUBSCRIBERS WHO REMAIN WITHOUT SERVICE (EXCLUDING THE THREE NORTHERN GOVERNORATES).

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