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Steam Venting Activity Lamar Repowering Project

The Arkansas River Power Authority and Lamar Light and Power would like to inform the residents of Lamar that at approximately 36 minutes past mid-night Tuesday night an excess amount of steam pressure developed at the Lamar Repowering Project and a pressure safety valve operated to vent this excess pressure. Our steam system has several safe guards in place designed to vent steam as necessary, in a controlled manner, and this pressure relief valve operated as designed. Unfortunately the noise created by the release of the steam is considerable. In addition, the operation of the valve lasted for a much longer period of time than we would have anticipated or had experienced before.

We believe the higher pressure steam can be attributed to a failed steam valve that we anticipate being repaired today, and we hope to have the plant back on-line later this evening. We recognize the serious nature this presents to the public when this type of event occurs. However this was an upset condition resulting from an equipment failure. Prior to this event the plant had been on-line for approximately two weeks without significant incident. We are now into the more difficult portion of the commissioning and can anticipate an occasional upset condition as we validate the operation of the equipment.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the offices of Lamar Light and Power, 719-336-7456.



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