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ESQ-2 Item Number 1 1997 Power Delivery Downsizing Study

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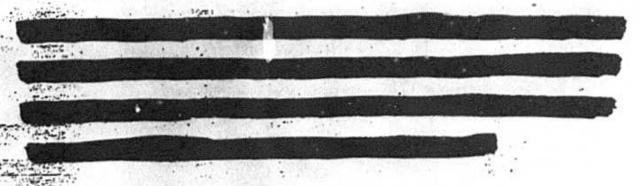
6. Ideatify any goals, objectives, and/or benchmarks relating to distribution maintenance.

ANSWER:

Gulf's goal is to maintain a level of service that customers expect and can afford, while reducing the costs associated with maintenance of the system by identifying and planning specific distribution programs to accomplish this goal, Gulf uses its Public Opinion Research, Distribution Line Clearing Cost Goals, Line Clearing Reliability Goals and its Distribution Trouble Reports Outage Summary as benchmarks.

Regarding Gulf Power's Strengths and Weaknesses

Overall Average Agreement



Strengths and Weaknesses of Gulf Power (% who agree with statements)

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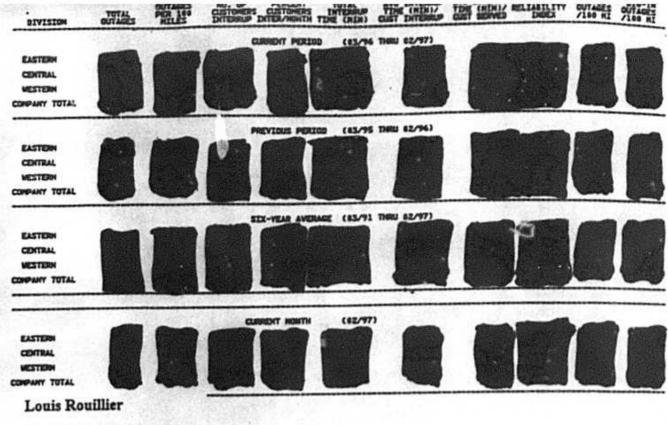
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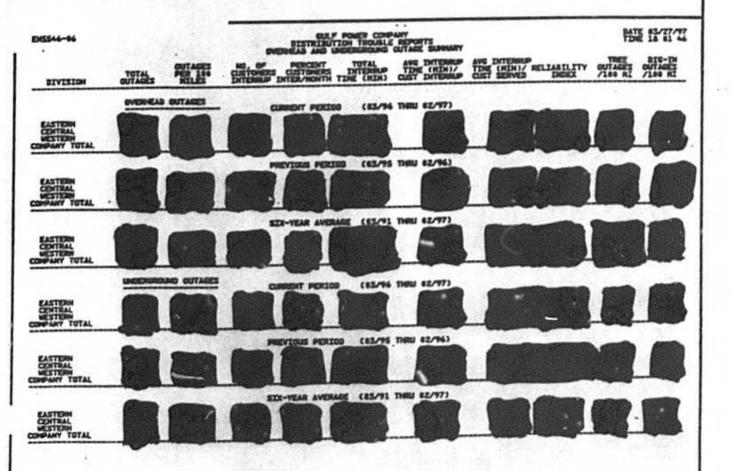
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27. Provide the annual results of any customer satisfaction surveys performed from 1992 - 1997 year to date.

Answer:

Listed below are the annual results of the customer satisfaction surveys performed from 1992 - 1997 year to date.

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.28. Provide a copy of policies, instructions, or procedures used by those administering the customer satisfaction surveys requested above.

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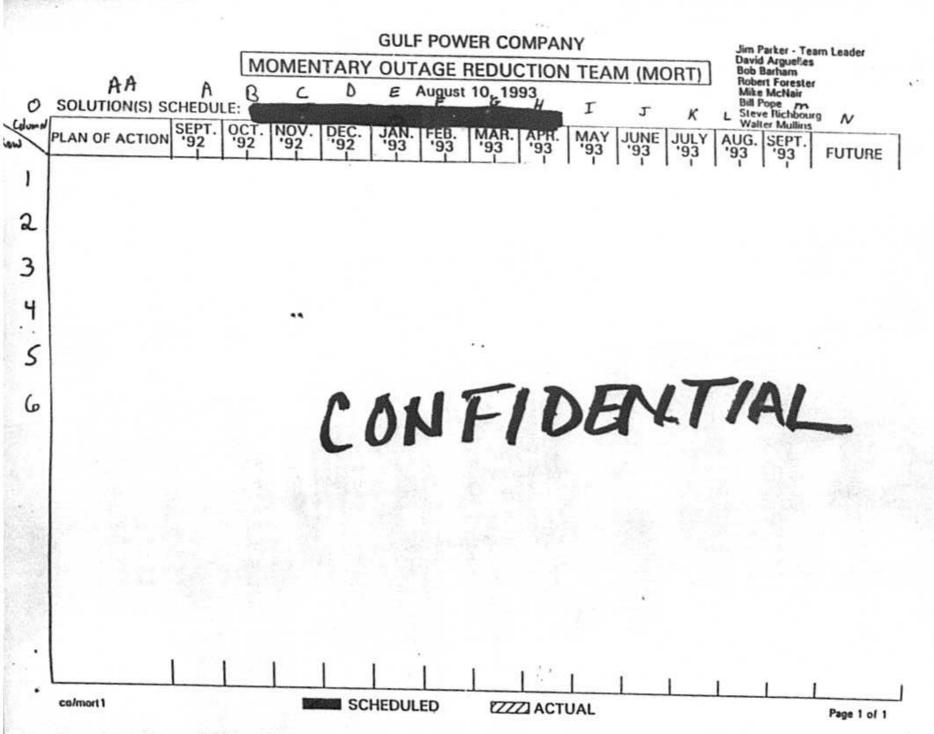
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Question #2:

Provide a copy of the TQM Momentary Outage Study results and recommendations, and Gulf's executive management approval/disapproval response.

Answer:

The project statement for this team was to reduce transmission outages which affect Gulf Power Company customers. The plan of action of the study presented by the team on August 27, 1992, is shown on the attached survey sheet. The plan of action and recommendations were approved by Gulf's executives.



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Ouestion #3:

Provide a copy of the TQM Sustained Outage Reduction study results and recommendations, and Gulf Power Company's executive management approval/disapproval response.

Answer:

The project statement for this team was to reduce distribution sustained outages to Gulf Power Company's customers. The plan of action of the study presented by the team on August 27, 1992 is shown on the attached summary sheet. The plan of action and recommendations were approved by Gulf's executives.

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Ouestion #4:

Provide a copy of the TQM Transmission Outage Reduction study results and recommendations, and Gulf Power Company's executive management approval/disapproval response.

Answer:

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ESQ-2 Item Number 7 Southern Company Substation Maintenance Study Volume I and II

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Question #28:

Provide a copy of the cost/benefit study for centralizing the Distribution Control Center.

Answer:

See Attached.

Annual Cost WORKSHEET 1 Total Hardware Investment 2 Building Investment 3 Total Hardware/Building Invest. Annual Fixed Charge 5 Equipment Fixed Cost 6 Operational Expense (Non-Labor) 7 Maintenance Expense Software & Hardware (Non-Labor) 9 Building Maintenance Total Annual Cost ANNUAL SAVINGS /2 Straight Time Hours (Line/Service) (YAverage O. T. (last 5 years) 16 Cost of O.T 1) 18 IF 2/ THEN 22 Add annually to savings 23 Distribution Center Personnel Savings 24 25 = 26 Reduction of Forms/Paperwork Reproduction 2) **TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS** 28 TOTAL ANNUAL COST 29 TOTAL ANNUAL REDUCTION

COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER, 1993

Distribution Control Center Committee

Mission

To evaluate the feasibility of a centralized Distribution Control Center and recommend a plan of action.

Committee Members

Bill Blackmon James Philpot Ernest Robinson Gerald Miller Marie McLean Jack Davis Jim Parker

Present Situation

Distribution Control Centers are presently handled independently by each division. There is a distribution control center in Pensacola, Ft. Walton, and Panama City. In order to evaluate the feasibility of a central operation, several operating companies were evaluated, several outside utilities were interviewed, and some control centers were visited.

Companies Evaluated by Interview

Alabama Power (Birmingham)
Alabama Power (Mobile)
Duke Power (North Carolina)
Entergy (Arkansas)
Entergy (Louisiana)
Entergy (Mississippi)
Georgia Power (Atlanta)
Mississippi (Gulfport)
Santee Cooper (South Carolina)
Florida Power and Light
Tampa Electric

Control Centers Visited

Alabama Power — Montgomery Alabama Power — Mobile Division Florida Power — Suncoast Division Tampa Electric

General Findings

Tampa Electric has a one building that has a distribution control center and transmission/generation control center. Emergency operations and engineering support are also housed in that building. The center had a outage analysis system and digital radio system but no electronic maps. They are planning to have mobile data terminals in 75 trucks by June 1994. Tampa operates another center in Winter Haven that closes in the evening.

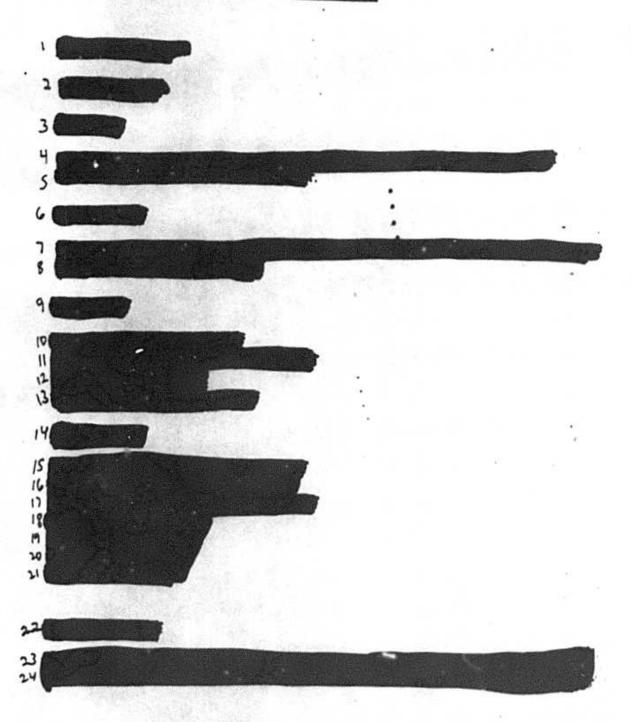
Florida Power and Light operates four centers. They had an outage analysis system, digital radio system, and mobile data terminals in their trouble trucks. The electronic map system was only detailed enough to show large sections of town without street identification.

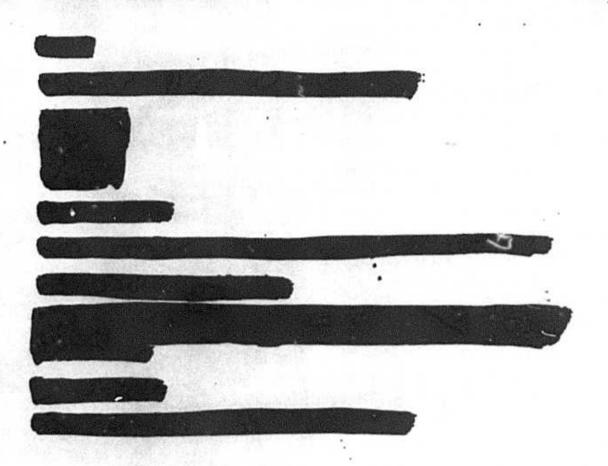
Alabama Power operates three centers located in Mobile, Montgomery, and Birmingham. The Mobile Division handles 165,000 calls during the day. In the evening the center handles the outlying districts bring their total number of customers handled to 200,000. This division covers about 4440 square miles.

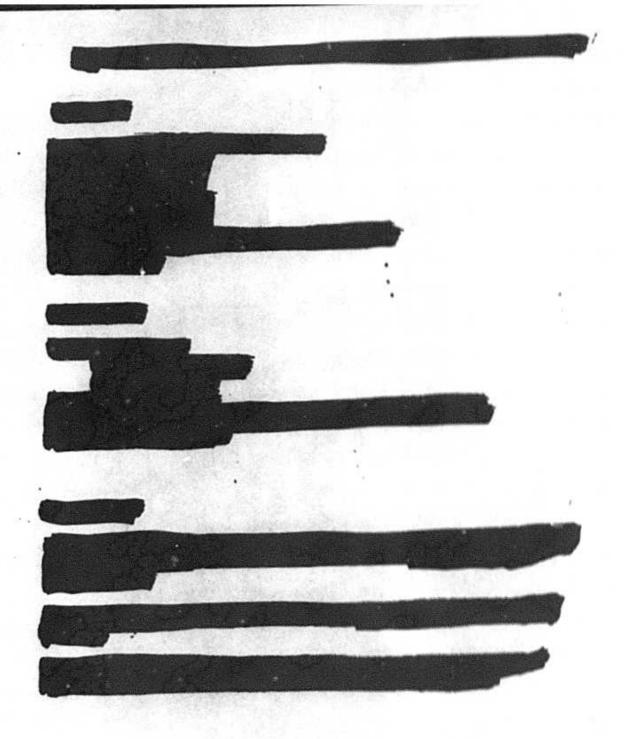
Georgia Power has eight divisions. Within the division, each district takes care of their own operations. East Metro and West Metro Division have combined two districts into one "super district" that handles about 100,000 customers during the day and 900,000 customers at night.

In summary, most companies operated a distribution control center that would handle 100,000 to 900,000. For larger companies, this means that they operated several control centers, depending on their total number of customers, districts, or divisions. Most companies had an outage analysis system and a company-wide radio system.

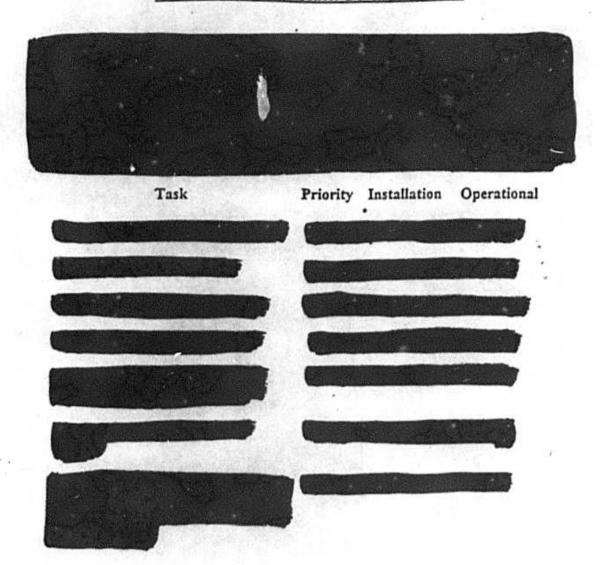
Centralized Distribution Control Center Ideal Design







Distribution Control Center Development Plan



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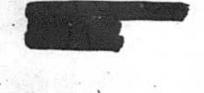


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ESO-3 Item Number 1 (attachment 5) 1996 System Benchmark Survey: Gulf Power

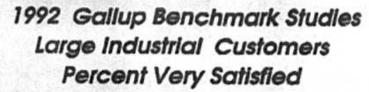
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Note - Some companies were omitted due to very small sample sizes.

1992 Gallup Benchmark Studies Commercial and Industrial Customers

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Staff Work Papers

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- Most downsizing occurred in middle management and supervision, creating a wider span for upper management. Functionalizing allows Gulf to respond more promptly to the customer because resources are not limited by geographical boundaries. Outages have also been smaller and more isolated.
- 8. For the last 12-18 months GPC has been using duct for underground cable, and has given developers options in placing underground cable, and placing duct with other utilities. GPC has discounted or deferred installation to decrease the cost of duct installation for developers. GPC pulls the cable when the dveloper is ready to serve homes in the development. This reduces number of cable cuts and UG outages in new developments. GPC has also begun identifying underground cables with >3 outages. These UG cables are targeted for replacement, or injection to prolong the life of the cable. GPC has experienced a reduction in UG outages, in pilot locations, due to

As a result of the TQM teams approximately 5 years ago Gulf began reducing small wire (#6) as an attempt to reduce outages. They also recognized that tree trimming needed additional budget 5. dollars and have provided additional dollars to increase the program. Steve Burns, Line Clearing Supervisor, has put together programs to address tree related outages. EPRI testing of cable injection over the last 2-3 years has helped improve underground outage results.

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Gulf centralized their control center 3 years ago (1994) from three division operations to one located in Pensacola. Greatest benefits are a reduction in personal needed to perform the function and a

company wide standard methodology for distribution dispatch.

For damage claims against GPC, anything >\$5,000, has attorney involvement, or has personal liability is referred to the Claim Administrator. (Employee Relations and Risk Manager) Agent in 10. the field can cut a check for other claims <\$5,000.

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(2) INTERVIEW SUMMARY:

- Approximately 2-2.5 yrs. ago brought tree-trimming under 1 person. Prior to that tree trimming between divisions and districts company-wide. Final call was made by the division or district, not corporate. Responsible for all Transmission, Substation and Distribution Vegetation Management. If any trees are located around a substation, or possibly endanger customers or employees, they are removed. Also is responsible for assisting with any land management special projects related to forestry. An example is the old sod farm was converted to a tree farm, which required Steve's involvement.
- Measurement used to examine performance include: 1) tree trimming cost/mile 2) 6 yr. average for tree caused outages (DTR) and 3) customer satisfaction survey results.
- Since re-organization approximately 2-2.5 yrs ago emphasis has been more consistency in the tree trimming effort. In 1996 began to address policies and measurements changes for tree trimming. Costs are better measured now because the costs are based on circuit trimming. A report is issued for each circuit for costs. Wants to be able to re-examine the cost per circuit. Must balance the three to get best results (policies, measurements and costs per circuit).
- 4. In 1997 re-negotiated the trimming contract. Had routinely re-bid contract and had some of the lowest rates, but the contractor could not maintain quality people. Negotiated with the contractor and gave them additional money and some equipment.
- 5. The Distribution Line Clearing System (DLCS)(NOMAD data base) is old and outdated. The Tree Reverse Invoice Management System (TRIMS) is not yet on-line. TRIMS will download data to Accounts Payable and automate the whole tree trimming process. It can give a cost by circuit, activity type, and many others. Will bring on by the end of the year.
- 6. Based on customer calls, engineering concerns or the DTR, a report is generated that ranks circuits by outages and minutes of customer interruption. An engineering assistant will ride the circuits identified and determine what work needs to be done. This information feeds to the budget and Steve submits a budget request based on estimated costs of spot trim work and completing a trim cycle of 3-4 years. Budget dollars are received and appropriated based on the customers, engineering and districts priorities. Maintains a presence throughout the company. Considering cost per tree as a productivity/cost measurement.
- Quality of work is monitored by the Engineering Rep w/the contractor Supervisor after a circuit is completed. Most common difficulty is having to remind people that there is more to tree trimming than simply cost/mile.

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- Jim Parker is doing a trial this fall for a home operated devise to recognize momentaries.
- The DTR report was not set up to track customer minutes of interruption. It measures outage until 4. the last customer is restored to service. The operator measures the outage by current on the system. 5. Fluctuations indicate opens and closes. The DCC is responsible for calculating customer minutes of outages. Trouble Call Analysis (TCA) has been running parallel to the manual system of trouble
- One man crews do the inspections and records are maintained by the E&C Supervisor.
- The budget committee consists of the 3 Power Delivery Managers, the Distribution Manager and 6. 7. Tom Scarborough from Finance.
- Venture Out was a cable injection pilot located in Panama City.
- By end of 97 will pilot ARMS in Pensacola and do the rest of Gulf in 1998. 8.
- Service employees have two shifts, 7am-2:30pm and 2:00PM-10:30pm. Linemen and Transmission 9. work 4 days/week. Pensacola works the Central Transmission & Substation maintenance. Panama 10.
- City does substation construction work. PC does line work. The # of trouble tickets/feeder & breaker operations were used to identify worst feeders and put weighting factors on them. Probably still doing the top 20-30 feeders (unsure)? Molino is a sparse 11. feeder that covers a large area which should be improved in 1997.

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(2) INTERVIEW SUMMARY:

- 1. Responsible for the support of TCMS, ARMS, JETS, GAMMA, EMS and metering programs, redesign of mapping system, and PC version of system maps on the Internet. The Metering Engineer attends Southern system meetings and other seminars, etc. related to metering improvements. Metering in Fort Walton & Panama City report to the Power Delivery Manager in those areas. Many metering studies from GPC and Southern Company have been conducted. Currently reviewing the metering organization. Now it is a mixed bag, and some streamlining will probably occur.
- 2. The Power Quality group was started in late 1989, as the company was struggling with whether or not to get into power quality. The Power Quality Group is more directed to providing good service to the I/C customers. The group often recommends what the customer should use to keep power problems from recurring. They work with the customer in solving behind the meter problems affecting power quality. They act as a customer advocate in determining the causes and solutions for PQ problems and getting Gulf to assist with needed system changes that may improve the quality of service to the I/C customer.
- in 1989 Jim watched trouble tickets being sorted manually. GPC began visiting other companies 3. and what they were doing with automation of trouble tickets. In 1993 Southern began a system wide team to address trouble reporting mechanization. Alabama and Gulf were the test sights for the Southern system. The 2nd qtr. 95 Gulf began using the new Trouble Call Management System (TCMS). Tickets come in from the customer information system and the Integrated Voice Recording (IVR) unit. The IVR was originally used as an overflow for representatives in the customer call center. The IVR emulates a terminal, and based on input from the customer, it now identifies the customer, type of trouble and generates a repair ticket from the Customer Accounting system (CICS/GOLS). In 1995, developed a way to have IVR call the customer back, after ticket was worked, to verify lights back on. Did not have this feature during the two hurricanes of 1995. From the Transformer Load System the TLN was downloaded to TCMS and cross-referenced with the customer account number to identify customers affected by outages. Operators are not currently using the system to the fullest because all areas are not energized at this time. The system will locate the problem in TCMS, but will not predict the outage type. By the end of 1997 operators should have full utilization of the system. For measuring outages GPC will not be moving from the operator manual entry yet (the system will eventually calculate the outage length, number of customers affected, location and cause type of outage. Currently use field estimate, actual check and feeder count information to extrapolate number of customers affected by an outage. The system will also allow measurement to the meter when fully implemented. In December 1997 and June 1998 two release versions will provide replacement, or feed from DTR for time measurement. This should provide better accuracy of the number of customers and minutes of outage. DTR also has historical data. A system interface may be developed between both systems, the systems may remain separate or the DTR may be discarded. In 1995, had 17,000 mistakes in system location data. Have worked that down to 2,00-3,000 now. This too will be corrected prior to final implementation.

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5. ARMS will allow orders to the truck and provide mapping to assist in completing the work. GPC is emphasizing new service and other orders, not repair work, initially. Repair orders later.

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