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Mr. James B. Leary
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Dear James,

We want to thank JBL Electric for your skilled assistance in restoring power to the CenterPoint Energy service territory following Hurricane Ike. Your dedicated employees left their homes and families to join nearly 12,000 line mechanics and tree trimmers from across the continent to participate in this immense restoration effort. Your employees worked safely and efficiently to restore service to our community, and their hard work was noticed and deeply appreciated.

More than 95 percent, or 2.15 million of our 2.26 million customers, lost power as a result of Hurricane Ike's 110 mile-per-hour winds. With your help, we overcame countless 50-foot trees that were toppled into our power lines, causing extensive damage to our 27,000-plus miles of overhead distribution wires.

Together, we were able to restore power in the first six days to 1 million customers, including key facilities such as hospitals, water treatment plants and public service facilities. And 18 days after Hurricane Ike passed through our area, we concluded our emergency operating plan, having restored power throughout our 5,000 square-mile area. Our community would have faced a much longer outage duration if not for the resources made available to us by JBL Electric.

The greater Houston-Galveston area had not been directly hit by a hurricane in 25 years, and Hurricane Ike caused the largest power outage in our state's history. Thank you for your contribution to the historic effort of restoring power to the nation's fourth-largest city.

We extend our gratitude to you on behalf of our company and customers. The restoration effort was one of the best we've seen, and the excellent work can be attributed to the tremendous performance displayed by everyone involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David McClanahan".

David McClanahan
President & Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Standish".

Tom Standish
Group President & Chief Operating Officer
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