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Case No. 14-2162-EL-BTX**

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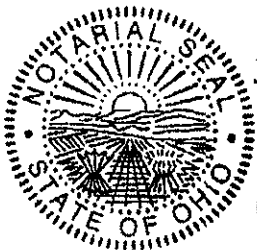
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North Korea gets hit with Internet outages

Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — North Korea experienced sweeping Internet outages for hours before coming back online late Monday. One computer expert said the country's online access was "totally down."

The White House and the State Department declined to say whether the U.S. government was responsible.

President Barack Obama said Friday the U.S. government expected to respond to the hacking of Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., which he described as an expensive act of "cyber vandalism" that he blamed on North Korea. Obama did not say how the U.S. might respond, and it was not immediately clear if the Internet connectivity problems represented the retribution.

The U.S. government regards its offensive cyber operations as highly classified. "We aren't going to discuss, you know, public operational details about the possible response options or comment on those kind of reports in any-



People walk past a TV screen Monday showing a poster of Sony Picture's "The Interview" in a news report at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea.

way except to say that as we implement our responses, some will be seen, some may not be seen," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said. North Korea has forcefully denied it was responsible for hacking into Sony. But the country has for months con-

demned the "The Interview," a Sony satirical comedy about a plot to assassinate the North Korean leader. Sony canceled plans to release the movie after a group of hackers made terroristic threats against theaters that planned to show it.

North Korea is one of the least connected countries in the world. Few North Koreans have access to computers, and even those who do are typically able to connect only to a domestic intranet. Though North Korea is equipped for broadband Internet, only a small, approved segment of the

population has any access to the World Wide Web. More than a million people, however, are now using mobile phones in North Korea. The network covers most major cities but users cannot call outside the country or receive calls from outside.

North Korean diplomat Kim Song, asked Monday about the Internet attack, told The Associated Press: "I have no information."

Ivan Simonovic, the U.N. assistant secretary-general for human rights, told reporters he didn't want to speculate about the nature of the Internet outages but said he hoped it would be "thoroughly investigated."

Doug Madory, the director of Internet analysis at Dyn Research, an Internet performance company, said Monday the problems began over the weekend and grew progressively worse to the point that "North Korea's totally down."

South Korean officials said early today in Seoul that Internet access to the North's official Korean Central News Agency and the Rodong Sinmun news-

paper were working normally again.

Another Internet technology service, Arbor Networks, which protects companies against hacker attacks, said its monitoring detected denial-of-service attacks aimed at North Korea's infrastructure starting Saturday and persisting Monday. Such attacks transmit so much spurious data traffic to Internet equipment that it becomes overwhelmed, until the attacks stop or the spurious traffic can be filtered and discarded to allow normal connections to resume.

Given North Korea's limited connectivity and lack of Internet sophistication, it would be relatively simple for a band of hackers to shut down online access, and it should not be assumed that the U.S. government had any part, said Dan Holden, director of security research at Arbor Networks.

"Anyone of us that was upset because we couldn't watch the movie, you could do that. Their Internet is just not that sophisticated," Holden said.

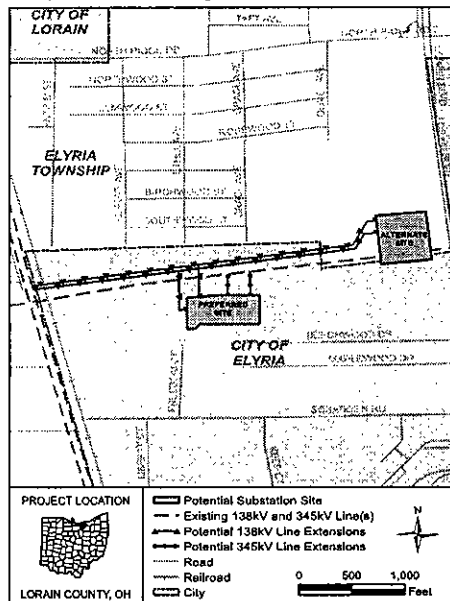
PUBLIC NOTICE

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, will hold a public information meeting to discuss and seek input on from the community on the proposed Lake Avenue Substation Project. The meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the first floor conference room at the Ohio Edison Company, Elyria Service Center, located at 6326 Lake Avenue in Elyria, Ohio, 44035.

The proposed Lake Avenue Substation Project consists of three components that will be discussed at the public information meeting:

1. Installation of a new transmission substation with 345-kilovolt (kV) to 138 kV transformation in Elyria.
2. Extending the nearby Avon-Beaver 1&2 345 kV transmission lines to the substation.
3. Extending the Black River-Johnson 1&2 138 kV transmission lines to the substation. The proposed Lake Avenue Substation Project is needed to support electric system reliability in the area.

ATSI has carefully studied the general area of the Project to identify potentially sensitive areas and land uses, and has evaluated multiple locations for the Lake Avenue Substation in an effort to identify the most appropriate site. As a result of the study, the two general locations of the sites shown on the map provided below have been identified for further evaluation. ATSI will receive information on both proposed sites at the public information meeting.



Installation of Lake Avenue Substation falls under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Before construction can begin on the Project, ATSI must file an Application for the substation portion of the Project and a Letter of Notification for the transmission line portions of the Project with the OPSB. The OPSB will review all submittals for this Project, and issue, if the submittals meet the appropriate criteria, a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Project. The Application will identify a Preferred Site and an Alternate Site for the substation. ATSI plans to make the necessary submittals to the OPSB for the project in January 2015. If OPSB approval is granted, construction on the substation is expected to begin later in 2015.

As noted, the purpose of the meeting is to explain and seek input from the community on the proposed Lake Avenue Substation. Public comments from the meeting will be considered as part of the evaluation process for the substation. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to comment on the project, please leave a message for the Project team at 1-800-589-2837, or send your written comments or questions to FirstEnergy Corp., Attn: Lake Avenue Substation Project Team, A-GO-3, 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, 44308.

Pope gives blistering critique of Vatican bureaucrats on Curia

Nicole Winfield
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — To the Roman Catholic Church's "seven deadly sins," Pope Francis has added the "15 ailments of the Curia."

Francis issued a blistering indictment of the Vatican bureaucracy Monday, accusing the cardinals, bishops and priests who serve him of using their Vatican careers to grab power and wealth, of living "hypocritical" double lives and forgetting that they're supposed to be joyful men of God.

Francis turned the traditional, genteel exchange of Christmas greetings into a public dressing down of the Curia, the central administration of the Holy See which governs the 1.2-billion strong Roman Catholic Church. He made clear his plans for a radical reform of the structures of church power must be accompanied by an even more radical spiritual reform of the men involved.

Ticking off 15 "ailments of the Curia" one by one, Francis urged the prelates sitting stone-

faced before him in the marbled Sala Clementina to use the Christmas season to repent and atone and make the church a healthier, holier place in 2015.

Vatican watchers said they had never heard such a powerful, violent speech from a pope and suggested that it was informed by the results of a secret investigation ordered up by Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI in the aftermath of the 2012 leaks of his papers.

Benedict tasked three trusted cardinals to probe deep into the Vatican's back-stabbing culture to root out what would have prompted a papal bulter to steal incriminating documents and leak them to a journalist. Their report is known only to the two popes.

Francis had some zingers: How the "terrorism of gossip" can "kill the reputation of our colleagues and brothers in cold blood." How cliques can "enslave their members and become a cancer that threatens the harmony of the body" and eventually kill it off by "friendly fire." How some suffer from "spiritual Alzheimer's," forgetting what drew them to the priesthood in the first place.

"The Curia is called on to always improve itself and grow in communion, holiness and knowledge to fulfill its mission," Francis said. "But even it, as any human body, can suffer from ailments, dysfunctions, illnesses."

Francis, who is the first Latin American pope and never worked in the Italian-dominated Curia before he was elected, has not shied from complaining about the gossiping, careerism and bureaucratic power intrigues that afflict the Holy See. His 2013 Christmas address cast a spotlight on such sins.

But a year into his reform agenda, Francis seemed even more emboldened to make clear to the prelates themselves that superficial displays of change aren't what he is looking for.

"This is a speech without historic precedent," church historian Alberto Melloni, a contributor to Italian daily Corriere della Sera, said in a telephone interview. "If the pope uses this tone, it's because he knows it's necessary."

Melloni noted that until Francis was elected, the Vatican bureaucracy largely answered to no one, saying "an entire generation of the Curia ran it as if they were pigs." St. John Paul II was too busy traveling the world, and later too sick, to pay attention to administrative details, and Benedict left the minutiae of running a government to his deputy, later determined to have been part of the problem.

The Rev. Robert Wistler, a church historian at Seton Hall University, said Francis was essentially asking the Curia to undergo an examination of conscience, asking them to reflect on how they had sinned before God before going to confession.

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