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- A power outage affected around 30,000 Matanuska Electric Associated customers April 17 between Glacier View and Wasilla, Alaska, after a tree fell on a transmission line, causing 9 substations to trip and go offline. – *KTUU 2 Anchorage* (See item [1](#))
- Craft retailer Michaels Stores confirmed April 17 that it was the victim of a data breach that may have exposed information on around 2.6 million payment cards used at Michaels and Aaron Brothers stores. – *Reuters* (See item [5](#))
- The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced that it filed charges against the Massachusetts-based operators of TelexFree Inc., and TelexFree LLC for operating a \$1.1 billion international pyramid scheme targeting Dominican and Brazilian immigrants. – *U.S. Security and Exchange Commission* (See item [9](#))
- Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire at a Marathon County Highway Department building on State Highway 97 in Wisconsin April 18 that caused an estimated \$1.5 million in damage. – *WAOW 9 Wasau* (See item [10](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *April 17, KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Power restored in MEA Mat-Su Valley outage.** A power outage affected around 30,000 Matanuska Electric Associated customers April 17 between Glacier View and Wasilla after a tree fell onto a transmission line, causing power fluctuations that caused 9 substations to trip and go offline. All power was restored after around 2 hours.

Source: <http://www.ktuu.com/news/news/mea-reports-widespread-matsu-valley-outage/25542708>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *April 18, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Crews find radiation leak location.** U.S. Department of Energy officials reported April 17 that contamination was found at the Panel 7 active nuclear waste storage area inside the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico as crews continued to investigate the facility after a radiation leak in February.

Source: <http://www.chem.info/news/2014/04/crews-find-radiation-leak-location>

3. *April 18, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **ND closes radioactive material handling plant for emergency inspection.** The North Dakota Department of Health issued an emergency order to shut down the Dyad Environmental radioactive waste materials facility in Killdeer after inspectors allegedly found various safety violations at the facility. The facility handles radioactive filter socks generated by the oil industry.

Source: <http://www.chem.info/news/2014/04/nd-closes-radioactive-material-handling-plant-emergency-inspection>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *April 18, Associated Press* – (National) **Mazda recalls 109,000 older SUVs for rust problem.** Mazda announced a recall of 109,000 model year 2001-2004 Tribute vehicles in Washington D.C. and 20 States where road salt is used due to the potential for frame rust that can cause a wheel control arm to separate from the frame.

Source: <http://www.ktvn.com/story/25281934/mazda-recalls-109000-older-suvs-for-rust-problem>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *April 17, Reuters* – (National) **Retailer Michaels Stores confirms payment card data breach.** Craft retailer Michaels Stores confirmed April 17 that it was the victim of a data breach that may have exposed information on around 2.6 million payment cards used at Michaels and Aaron Brothers stores. The breach was initially reported in January, and after investigation was found to have taken place between May 8, 2013 and January 27, 2014.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/17/us-michaelsstores-cybercrime-idUSBREA3G27N20140417>
6. *April 17, Reuters* – (National) **SEC's information technology at risk of hacking: report.** A report by the Government Accountability Office found that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission failed to take steps to protect its data networks from breaches, including failing to encrypt sensitive information and failing to physically secure some systems.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/17/us-sec-cybercrime-security-idUKBREA3G25720140417>
7. *April 17, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Glendale resident found guilty of bank fraud, ID theft.** Three men were found guilty April 17 for placing skimming devices at several 99 Cents Only stores in southern California, stealing payment card information from hundreds of customers and causing over \$2 million in losses.
Source: <http://www.glendalenewspress.com/news/tn-gnp-glendale-resident-found-guilty-of-bank-fraud-id-theft-20140417,0,1230805.story>
8. *April 17, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Former Prior Lake investment adviser admits to defrauding investors of \$6 million.** A former Prior Lake investment advisor pleaded guilty April 17 to defrauding 13 investors of around \$6 million in an investment fraud scheme by setting up fake accounts in their names and using the victims' funds for personal expenses.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/south/255675901.html?page=all&prepage=1>
9. *April 17, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC halts payment scheme targeting Dominican and Brazilian immigrants.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced April 17 that it filed charges April 15 against the Massachusetts-based operators of TelexFree Inc., and TelexFree

LLC for allegedly operating a \$1.1 billion international pyramid scheme targeting mainly Dominican and Brazilian immigrants in the U.S. The SEC's actions also include an asset freeze, approved April 16, that secured several million dollars in funds.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2014/lr22974.htm>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *April 18, WAOW 9 Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **Snow plows, loader destroyed in fire.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire at a Marathon County Highway Department building on State Highway 97 in Wisconsin April 18 that caused an estimated \$1.5 million in damage.
Source: <http://www.waow.com/story/25281576/2014/04/18/highway-department-facility-fire>
11. *April 18, Fairfield Daily Republic* – (California) **Crash shuts I-80 offramp to Highway 12.** A vehicle crashed into two highway workers April 17 on the eastbound Highway 12 connector from Interstate 80 leading toward Suisun City and Rio Vista, sending the two workers and the driver to a local hospital as well as forcing authorities to shut down the offramp of Highway 12 eastbound for about 2 hours.
Source: <http://www.dailyrepublic.com/news/solanocounty/crash-shuts-i-80-offramp-to-highway-12/>
12. *April 17, Associated Press* – (Indianapolis) **Southwest Airlines flight lands safely post-threat.** Southwest Airlines flight 362 was forced to perform an emergency landing and evacuation at Indianapolis International Airport April 17 after the airline received an unknown threat. The aircraft and luggage was searched but no threat was found.
Source: <http://www.whas11.com/news/Southwest-Airlines-flight-lands-safely-post-threat-255728911.html>
13. *April 17, Annenberg TV News; City News Service* – (California) **'Suspicious' Easter candy prompts post office Evacuation.** A post office adjacent to the University of Southern California in Los Angeles was evacuated for about 90 minutes April 17 and parts of Vermont Avenue were closed after police were alerted to a suspicious looking package that ultimately contained Easter candy and toys.
Source: <http://www.atvn.org/news/2014/04/suspicious-package-easter-candy-prompts-evacuation-post-office>
14. *April 16, KVUE 24 Austin* – (Texas) **Two injured after plane crash near Fredericksburg.** Two men were transported to a local hospital April 16 after crashing a small plane on a private air park near Fredericksburg, Texas, while conducting an instructional flight.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/local/Officials-Plane-crashes-near-Fredericksburg-255503611.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *April 17, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Price Chopper Supermarkets recalls Price Chopper Brand Tuscan White Bean Hummus due to mislabeling.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Price Chopper Supermarkets voluntarily recalled its Price Chopper Brand Tuscan White Bean Hummus due to mislabeling and undeclared cheese.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm393842.htm>

16. *April 17, Food Safety News* – (National) **Wisconsin salami products recalled for USDA misbranding problem.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced April 17 that Bolzano Artisan Meats LLC recalled approximately 5,723 pounds of salami products due to misbranding and because the products were produced without the benefit of a federal inspection. The recalled products incorrectly have the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program version of the USDA Mark of Inspection, which requires federal acceptance into the program.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/04/wisconsin-salami-products-recalled-for-usda-misbranding-problem>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *April 17, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Beachside boil-water order disrupts life's flow.** Roughly 12,000 businesses and beachside homes in the Indian Harbor Beach area remained under boil water notices April 17 after a water main was broken April 15 by crews trying to replace a fire hydrant. The order was expected to be lifted April 18

Source: <http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2014/04/17/beachside-boil-water-order-disrupts-lifes-flow/7819245/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *April 17, WTVD 11 Raleigh-Durham* – (North Carolina) **Big rig crashes through front of pharmacy.** Authorities reported that a semi-truck plowed into a Rite-Aid Pharmacy in Monroe, North Carolina, and ruptured its fuel tank April 17. Hazmat crews were called to the scene for cleanup and the truck's driver was taken to a hospital.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=9506867>

19. *April 17, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **UPMC data breach may affect as many as 27,000 employees.** The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)

reported April 17 that as many as 27,000 employees may have had their personal information exposed in a February data breach, with at least 788 employees becoming victims of tax fraud since the breach was discovered. UPMC assured their patients that none of their information was breached.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/business/finance/2014/04/17/UPMC-data-breach-may-affect-as-many-as-27-000-employees/stories/201404170277>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *April 18, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Car hits school bus in Larimer County; 2 adults 3 kids hurt.** A vehicle rear-ended a Poudre School District bus in Larimer County April 18, injuring three children and two adults.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_25592885/car-hits-school-bus-larimer-county-2-adults

21. *April 18, WCTV 2 Tallahassee* – (Florida) **Three injured, one arrested in Florida High track team bus accident.** Police arrested the driver of a vehicle that crashed into a Florida High school bus, forcing it to slide off the road and into an embankment before it struck a pole April 18 in Leon County. Two students and one adult were transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

Source: <http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/Florida-High-Track-Team-Involved-in-Bus-Accident-255752241.html>

22. *April 18, Oregon State University Daily Barometer* – (Oregon) **Punctured gas line causes evacuation, power outages.** Several buildings on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis were evacuated April 17 after a construction worker inadvertently struck a gas line and caused a leak near Gill Coliseum. Crews worked to cap the leak and the evacuation order was lifted after about 2 hours when the gas levels had dissipated.

Source: http://www.bluemountaineagle.com/punctured-gas-line-causes-evacuation-power-outages-publish2_ap_3e565acbb0ae3eb919fb1f4320f02b35

23. *April 17, Richmond Register* – (Kentucky) **EKU dorm sprinklers may have been activated maliciously.** Officials are investigating what triggered the fire-suppression sprinklers in Eastern Kentucky University's Martin Hall April 17 and forced the evacuation of 260 students. A campus water main also broke due to fluctuating pressure caused by the sprinklers being activated.

Source: <http://www.richmondregister.com/localnews/x493467013/EKU-dorm-sprinklers-may-have-been-activated-maliciously>

24. *April 17, WJAC 6 Johnstown* – (Pennsylvania) **Third bomb threat in three days in Centre County school district.** Police arrested a teen April 17 suspected of making bomb threats to three schools of the Philipsburg Osceola School District in Centre County between April 15 and April 17. Each of the schools was evacuated while police searched and cleared the scene.

Source: <http://www.wjactv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/third-bomb-threat-three-days-centre-co-school-district-2303.shtml>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *April 17, WKBT 8 La Crosse* – (Wisconsin) **Temporary 911 communication outage reported in Monroe County.** A failure in CenturyLink equipment caused by a lightning strike April 13 led to an outage that affected 9-1-1 calls in Monroe County, Wisconsin, for around 45 minutes April 17, prompting an alert from the Monroe County 9-1-1 Communications Center. All affected equipment was expected to be returned to service by the April 19-20 weekend.

Source: <http://www.news8000.com/news/temporary-911-communication-outage-reported-in-monroe-county/25533640>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *April 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals can hijack Steam accounts with Steam Guard enabled.** Researchers at Malwarebytes found that attackers have been able to compromise Steam accounts with the Steam Guard verification service enabled by using phishing pages that ask users to upload the .ssfn file from their Steam folder, allowing the Steam Guard security feature to be bypassed.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Can-Hijack-Steam-Accounts-with-Steam-Guard-Enabled-438488.shtml>

27. *April 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Trojan-SMS.AndroidOS.Stealer.a is one of the most widespread mobile trojans.** Kaspersky Labs researchers found that the Trojan-SMS.AndroidOS.Stealer.a trojan accounted for almost a quarter of attempted infections of Android devices running the company's security software during the first quarter of 2014, with the highest amount of infections found in Russia. The trojan is capable of opening Web pages, sending SMS messages, installing applications, and other functions.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Trojan-SMS-AndroidOS-Stealer-a-Is-One-of-the-Most-Widespread-Mobile-Trojans-438270.shtml>

28. *April 17, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **Bomb threat reported at Google Data Center in Berkeley County.** The Google Data Center in Berkeley County, South Carolina, was evacuated for several hours April 17 after a bomb threat was found in a note left at the facility. Workers were allowed to return after police cleared the building.

Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140417/PC16/140419407/1005/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *April 18, Texarkana Gazette* – (Arkansas; Texas) **Bomb threats reported at four area Walmart locations.** Four Walmart stores located in Arkansas and Texas were evacuated for several hours April 18 due to bomb threats that were phoned into the Texarkana, Texas police station. Police searched and cleared each store after finding no explosive devices.

Source: <http://www.texarkanagazette.com/news/2014/04/18/bomb-threats-reported-at-four-area-walma-353825.php>

30. *April 18, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **34 displaced when fire sweeps through KCK apartment building.** Firefighters responded to a fire at the Quail Creek Apartments complex in Kansas City, Kansas, April 17. A total of 34 residents were displaced by the blaze.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/news/34-displaced-when-fire-sweeps-through-kck-apartment-building/25546642>

31. *April 17, Palm Springs Desert Sun* – (California) **Part of Cabazon outlet mall evacuated after gas leak.** Twenty stores at the Desert Hills Premium Outlets in Cabazon were evacuated due to a 1-inch gas line break April 17. Southern California Gas Company crews worked to repair the leak.

Source: <http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/local/2014/04/17/gas-leak-cabazon/7850483/>

32. *April 17, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Lihue man arrested in connection with Walmart evacuation.** A Lihue man was arrested April 15 in connection with a HAZMAT incident at Lihue Walmart that sickened 10 customers and prompted a 3-hour evacuation of the store March 30. Police believe the suspect released a canister of mace near the entrance of the store.

Source: <http://khon2.com/2014/04/17/lihue-man-arrested-in-connection-with-walmart->

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