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POWER SUPPLY UPDATE

ZESCO Limited has today, Sunday, 17 November 2024, commenced corrective maintenance works on the 220kV Victoria Falls-Sesheke transmission line, an important power trading route between Zambia and the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP).

During this period of the drought induced hydropower generation deficit, Zambia is heavily dependent on this power importation route, transporting up to 250 Megawatts of power from the SAPP market.

The Zambia – Namibia Interconnector comprises two parts, which are the 220kV Victoria Falls – Sesheke transmission line and the 220kV Sesheke – Zambezi (Namibia) transmission line.

The works are critical to improve the reliability and availability of the transmission line, which is prone to trippings, especially during the rainy season if the Identified maintenance requirements are not immediately addressed.

During the maintenance period, Sunday, 17 November 2024 to Thursday, 21 November 2024 from 05:00 hours to 17:00hours each day, power imports through that route of about 220MW will not be available.

This import shortfall is expected to considerably impact power rationing schedules.

To cushion the impact of the temporary Interconnector outage, ZESCO will optimise the other import route via Zimbabwe and power generation from the Independent Power Producers to enable power supply to its residential customers averaging 5 hours. The industrial and agricultural customers will continue to receive the allocated 8 and 6 hours, respectively.

As a safety precaution, customers are urged to treat all power supply lines as live at all times, as power supply could be restored at any time.

We continue to monitor the situation closely and provide timely updates.

ZESCO thanks all of its customers for their understanding and patience during this challenging period.

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