

POWER IMPORTATION AND SUPPLY UPDATE - SATURDAY, 29 JUNE 2024

ZESCO Limited ("ZESCO") has been notified of maintenance works to be undertaken by Zimbabwe's power utility, ZESA, on the Insukamini – Mpokoje 400kV interconnector, which is Zambia's main transportation corridor of power imported from Mozambique. The maintenance works are scheduled for Sunday, 30 June 2024 from 08:00 hours to 15:00 hours.

During the maintenance period, power imports will be significantly constrained. Therefore, to ration the limited available power and achieve network stability, emergency power rationing will be instituted resulting in longer than scheduled power outages affecting our valued customers.

ZESCO recognizes that this advisory comes amidst ongoing load rationing, which is currently averaging 12 hours a day.

The Corporation will keep the nation up to date on the situation as it unfolds. Customers are urged to register for SMS notifications by dialing *3600#, choose option 99, then option 10 and enter pre-paid meter or service number to receive these updates.

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Key Power Supply Information

- In the face of the drought induced hydropower generation deficit, ZESCO is supplementing its power supplies with imports from Mozambique using three possible routes; South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. When power carrier paths are constrained, the deficit, presently standing at 831MWs is escalated.
- The power imports from Mozambique stand at 188 Megawatts
- The total available power on the national grid, both from ZESCO's own generation and Independent Power Producers such as Ndola Energy Limited and Maamba Collieries, stands at 1,268 Megawatts against a demand of 2,216 Megawatts (June 2024)
- The power generation status is as follows:
 - o Kafue Gorge: 372MWs against an installed capacity of 990MWs
 - o Kafue Gorge Lower: 179MWs against an installed capacity of 750MWs
 - Kariba North Bank: 98MWs against an installed capacity of 1,080MWs
 - Itezhi-Tezhi PC: 34MWs against an installed capacity of 120MWs
 - Ndola Energy Limited: 105MWs
 - Maamba Collieries and others: 480MWs