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MINISTER OF FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADDRESSES ISLAND-WIDE POWER RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION MEASURES

Alofi, Niue – 06 February 2024 - The Minister of Finance and Infrastructure, Hon. Crossley Tatui is pleased to announce that the entire island's power supply has been fully restored as of Saturday, 3rd February 2024 at 4 p.m. Following diligent efforts by our dedicated teams, power services have been reinstated, ensuring residents and businesses to resume normal activities.

However, Minister Tatui reminds the public to remain vigilant in conserving power. A Public Notice has been issued, emphasizing the use of energy to effectively manage the island's total load.

“It is important to note that our island operates with a normal load of approximately 600 kilowatts, accounting for off-peak times. However, the current weather conditions and intense heat have led to an increase in demand. During peak hours, the island's load surges to between 750 and 800 kilowatts.”

The existing station remains in a critical state, which is heavily dependent on generators. Minister Tatui stated, “Presently, our power generation capacity relies on 4 generators., which can generate between 800 and 810 kilowatts. The absence of power generation by batteries and solar energy, both damaged by lightning in December 2023, contributes to the problem.”

Work is in progress to install inverters to increase solar output. Niue Power Corporation is working with Tesla to assess the current condition of our Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The Government of Niue is working to have the new Power Station up and running within the next few months.

In light of these conditions, there's a growing chance of rationing if the island's energy demand keeps rising. The Minister of Finance and Infrastructure, Hon. Crossley Tatui urges all residents and businesses in Niue to use energy wisely.

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