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NIUE POWER CORPORATION ISSUES UPDATE ON POWER OUTAGE AND URGES PUBLIC COOPERATION

Alofi, Niue – 1 February 2024 – The Niue Power Corporation is providing an update on the current power outage situation affecting the entire island. For the past week, we have been diligently operating with three generators, while awaiting the necessary repairs for the fourth generator. The Technicians are scheduled to arrive tomorrow from New Zealand with the additional parts required for the fix.

Despite the ongoing efforts, the existing three generators are under considerable strain due to the high power demand. Consequently, we find it necessary to implement rationing measures, as the loads continue to surpass the capacity of our current infrastructure.

During the past week, the Niue Power Corporation team observed a demand of 600 kilowatts during off-peak hours and an increased demand of 800 kilowatts during peak hours. To address this, Niue Power Corporation is urging the public to minimize power usage, enabling us to energize as many households as possible.

To maintain the operation of our generators, we advise the public to use power wisely. The Niue Power Corporation is actively collaborating with the private sector to utilize standby generators. We also encourage businesses to consider alternative operating hours to reduce the overall demand on the power grid.

Unfortunately, since the lightning strike at the end of last year, the batteries' capacity has been compromised, and there has been no solar power input. This has limited our ability to provide sufficient time for essential engine servicing.

Niue Power Corporation understands the inconvenience caused by this extended outage and sincerely appreciates the cooperation of the public during this challenging time. We assure the community that every effort is being made to restore full power as soon as possible.

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