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# NIUE POWER CORPORATION ADDRESSES RECENT ISLAND-WIDE POWER OUTAGES

Alofi, Niue – 28 May 2024 - Niue Power Corporation (NPC) issues this statement to address the recent series of power outages experienced across the island over the past few nights.

The island-wide power disruptions were primarily caused by an unexpected surge in demand, leading to the automatic shutdown of generators due to overload. When such outages occur, the Niue Power Corporation team actively work to isolate areas, and schedule power to be restored gradually to these areas. All of this depends on the national load and generally occurs during peak times.

It is important to note that Niue is currently operating only on generator power, as the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is yet to be fully operational. The three (3) Generators in operation, plus a backup generator have been servicing the Island for the past few months.

Niue Power Corporation is working in collaboration with Tesla Technicians, who are anticipated to return in June to facilitate the online restoration of the BESS. This process is dependent upon the arrival of necessary equipment to the island.

Niue Power Corporation would like to remind the general public and businesses of Niue to continue to use power wisely. The corporation assures the community that every effort is being made to ensure continual power supply and normal operations.

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