

April 4th 2011 News Release

**CUC explains Outages** 

Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd (CUC) commenced load shedding operations on Sunday between 12 noon and 7:00 pm as a result of problems that developed on two of its generating units which led to a temporary reduction in generating capacity.

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It is expected that the load shedding will continue today. As a result there will be some outages

during the course of today and until further notice.

Vice President of Production, Mr. David Walter, says that, "Repairs are being carried out on the

two engines so we have had to resort to rolling blackouts. This means that we have to take

feeders off the system for up to an hour at a time. Repairs to one of the units will be completed

later today and should restore adequate capacity. The second unit may also be available during

the next 24 hours."

In a release of February 7th, the Company advised the public that following the major damage

sustained to three of its large generating units, there was the increased possibility of power

outages due to any further loss of generation. The repairs to these large units are on schedule to

be completed in early May.

Meanwhile the Company is currently working to connect temporary mobile generation which it

has imported. However, until this temporary capacity is in place and the out-of-service capacity

is restored, further unplanned maintenance outages may lead to rotating customer outages due to

temporary capacity shortfalls.

"We will be marginal with capacity reserve for another 2 to 3 weeks or until all mobile units are

on line," Mr. Watler added.



CUC apologises for any inconvenience the disruptions may cause.

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