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## **Load-shedding requested on Victorian Electricity Networks**

The National Electricity Market Management Company Limited (NEMMCO) has directed Jemena to commence load-shedding of customers in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Load-shedding involves taking customers off the network in order to reduce demand. NEMMCO has made this request because of system supply issues.

The load-shedding will help ease demand on all electricity networks in Victoria including the Jemena Electricity Network (JEN) and the United Energy Distribution (UED) network – both of which are managed by Jemena. These two networks together have one million customers in the east, south east, north and inner west of Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula.

Some 15,000 UED customers and 5,500 JEN customers will be without electricity for one hour. These customers will then have power restored and similar numbers of customers will be rotated off and so on until NEMMCO requests that Jemena cease the load-shedding.

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