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Christmas Island 'Blackstart' testing - planned power outage

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Relevant: Christmas Island residents and visitors

Topic: Island-wide planned power outage (4am to 8am, Saturday 8 June 2024)

The Indian Ocean Territories Power Service (IOTPS) will undertake planned testing of its fault response capability (known as 'Blackstart' testing) on Christmas Island, in the early hours of Saturday, 8 June.

This means that for a short period of time between 4am and 8am on the morning of 8 June, mains power to all Christmas Island's IOTPS customers will be switched off. The testing is necessary to ensure that in the event of an unplanned power outage affecting Christmas Island Power Station, our response procedures to restore the power system work as expected.

The scheduling of the outage has been planned to minimise disruption to consumers and balance the operational requirements of IOTPS.

Please refrain from contacting IOTPS emergency contact numbers during this scheduled period or for the remainder of the outage (including in the unlikely event that the power restoration does not occur by 8am), unless there is a genuine power-related emergency, such as an electrical shock incident, or your property's power has not been restored after neighbouring properties have been.

Customers are recommended to take the following measures:

- Prior to the outage, switch off sensitive equipment, such as power electronics, personal computers, smart TVs, laptop chargers and mobile phone chargers at the outlet
- Following the outage, remember to check all equipment has been restored, for example fridges and freezers etc.

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