

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Loss of generation in South Australia

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) can confirm the instantaneous loss of multiple generating units in South Australia this afternoon.

AEMO has not directed load shedding as a result of this incident. The cause of the loss of generating units is under investigation.

AEMO does not forecast a supply/demand imbalance within the state, however if consumers can safely reduce their electricity consumption during periods of high demand, this can ease the supply/demand balance and can mitigate the need for load shedding.

AEMO can also confirm the planned maintenance scheduled for tomorrow on the Victorian transmission network, specifically the Moorabool-to-Mortlake transmission line, has been postponed to support the secure operation of South Australia.

AEMO continues to closely manage the power system and will provide a further update as more information is available.

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