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Electricity Industry Act 1993

DIRECTION

Pursuant to section 47C of the **Electricity Industry Act 1993** (the Act) I, Candy Broad, being the Minister responsible for the administration of Part 3A of the Act, hereby direct, with effect from 11.30pm, 2 November 2000:

- (a) Each of:
- (i) Yallourn Energy Pty Ltd (ACN 065 325 224);
 - (ii) National Power Australia Investments Limited (ARBN 075 257 537), Hazelwood Pacific Pty. Ltd. (ACN 074 351 376), Australian Power Partners B.V. (ARBN 075 477 208), Hazelwood Investment Company Pty Limited (ACN 075 041 360) and CISL (Hazelwood) Pty. Limited (ACN 074 747 185) trading as Hazelwood Power;
 - (iii) CMS Generation Horizon Energy Holdings Ltd (ARBN 078 377 572), Horizon Energy Holdings Ltd (ARBN 078 377 527), NRGenerating Holdings (No. 4) B.V. (ARBN 073 074 530), Horizon Energy Investment (No 2) Pty Limited (ACN 078 121 187) trading as Loy Yang Power and Loy Yang Power Management Pty Ltd (ACN 077 985 758) as agent of Loy Yang Power; and
 - (iv) Edison Mission Energy Australia Limited (ACN 055 563 785); and
 - (v) all other persons having management of or control over the Yallourn Power Station, the Loy Yang A Power Station, the Loy Yang B Power Station and the Hazelwood Power Station,

to admit the persons who are subject to the directions specified in paragraph (b) below to the Yallourn Power Station, the Loy Yang A Power Station, the Loy Yang B Power Station and the Hazelwood Power Station so as to allow them to carry out those directions and to maintain and operate all services necessary to ensure the generation, supply and distribution of electricity from those power stations; and

- (b) All persons who were employed or engaged at the Yallourn Power Station, the Loy Yang A Power Station, the Loy Yang B Power Station and the Hazelwood Power Station as at 2 November 2000, performing duties relating to the generation, supply or distribution of electricity from those power stations and who have ceased to perform such duties, to perform those duties and to carry out any work required to ensure the generation, supply or distribution of electricity at those power stations.

This direction applies until 9 November 2000.

Dated 2 November 2000

CANDY BROAD
Minister for Energy and Resources

Electricity Industry Act 1993

DIRECTION

Pursuant to section 47C of the **Electricity Industry Act 1993** ("the Act") I, Candy Broad, being the Minister responsible for Part 3A of the Act, hereby direct all persons in the State of Victoria, to restrict their use of electricity in accordance with Attachment 1 to this Direction, with effect from 11.30pm on 2 November 2000.

This direction applies until 11.30pm 3 November 2000.

Dated 2 November 2000

CANDY BROAD
Minister for Energy and Resources

Summer Level Four restrictions:**ELECTRICITY RESTRICTIONS**

VICTORIA IS CURRENTLY FACING MAJOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PROBLEMS, FORCING RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF ELECTRICITY THROUGHOUT VICTORIA. THE INTENTION OF THESE RESTRICTIONS IS TO REDUCE PEAK DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY AND TO AVOID THE NEED FOR WIDESPREAD BLACKOUTS ACROSS THE STATE.

THE RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY FOR 24-HOURS FROM 11.30PM THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2000.

THE RESTRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO:

- POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES' EQUIPMENT AND PREMISES; OR
- CONSUMERS USING THEIR OWN ELECTRICITY GENERATING PLANT IN ISOLATION FROM VICTORIA'S ELECTRICITY SYSTEM.
- PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR AUTOMATIC MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS - SEE BELOW
- THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SERVICE AND THE VICTORIAN INSTITUTES OF FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH AND FORENSIC MEDICINE IN RELATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF PRODUCTS AND SAMPLES.
- THE AUSTRALIAN GALLERY OF SPORT AND THE OLYMPIC MUSEUM; THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA, MUSEUM VICTORIA, STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA, THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE AND PUBLIC REGIONAL ART GALLERIES IN VICTORIA FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ARTISTIC, LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND OTHER COLLECTIONS.
- PRISONERS HELD AT THE METROPOLITAN ASSESSMENT PRISON, OR MELBOURNE CUSTODY CENTRE

During the periods specified above, the restrictions will apply to all other dwellings and premises of public and private sector organisations in Victoria.

HOUSEHOLD RESTRICTIONS

Electricity MUST NOT be used for 24-hours from 11.30 from Thursday 2 November.

- Refrigerated or evaporative air conditioning Dishwashers Clothes dryers Washing machines Swimming pool heaters/filters

MINIMUM use of electricity for 24-hours from 11.30 from 2 November is permitted for

- Fans
- Cooking : Limited to two rings and electric oven (It is suggested microwave appliances be used instead of electric rings or electric frypans)
- Lighting: interior - in no more than two (2) room only: exterior - for safety and security only.
- Electric hot water
- Personal computer (including home-based businesses)
- Video and DVD players
- TV sets (one set only)
- Electric water pumps for rural domestic purposes

BUSINESS INDUSTRY COMMERCE RESTRICTIONS

Electricity MUST NOT be used for 24 hours from 11.30pm Thursday, 2 November for:

- Air conditioners: for cooling or heating of premises. However, ventilation fans may be operated for the safety of people or animals.
- Decorative lighting: for external and internal signs, displays etc, in all premises

- Sports and other events under lights: including all stadiums, courts, training facilities etc.
- Entertainment: includes all club functions, cinemas, theatres, dance halls, discos, halls, gaming machines, parts of hotels and restaurants used for dancing or floor shows and other places of entertainment.
- Heating processes: for furnaces, welders or other production processes involving the application of heat
- Meetings: including use of halls, clubs, hotel/motel function rooms and areas covered under Entertainment
- Motive power in factories: electric motors or motor driven equipment
- Powertools: All electric powertools, except for those used by tradespeople in carrying out their trade.
- Refrigeration: for non-perishable food and drinks, including hotels

Exemptions to the restrictions on the use of air conditioners apply for those businesses that require air conditioners specifically to avoid the spoiling of stock; for critical production processes, including the operation of computer systems; and for public health purposes.

Restricted use of electricity for 24-hours from 11.30pm from Thursday, 2 November is permitted for:

- Lifts: No more than one-half of the number of lifts installed is permitted. (Restriction does not apply to hospitals, residential apartments and hotels)
- Lighting: Up to half the normal lighting in all premises is permitted. (Lights permitted for safety, security and emergency use.)

The following industries are exempt, but **ABSOLUTE MINIMUM** USE OF ELECTRICITY IS PERMITTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES in the 24-hour period from 11.30pm from Thursday, 2 November :-

- Abattoirs.
- Batch processes: the completion of a batch of material in progress only is permitted. New batch must NOT commence.
- Bread baking.
- Computer systems and networks: Minimum use of electricity to ensure security of data and software, essential community services, public safety and health services (including hospitals, doctors and dentists, surgeries, pharmacies, etc.) In all other premises no more than one-third of workstations connected to computer systems may be operated.
- Continuous processes: operation to prevent damage to material or equipment, but only if an exemption has been received.
- Dry cleaning for laundering: for health services only.
- Education institutions: all government, independent or catholic schools; pre-schools and special schools; kindergartens; childcare centers; and family day care centers.
- Escalators: In hospitals, residential apartments and hotels. (In all other premises for safety, security, health and emergency uses only).
- Electric motors for rural farming purposes.
- Funeral parlours and mortuaries.
- Food premises: sale of food, processing and preservation
- Government: federal, state and local government departments and authorities - for essential services only. No more than one-third of workstations connected to computer systems may be operated.

- Health care: all hospitals and all registered residences for the aged and infirmed, baby health centres, dentists' surgeries, doctors' surgeries, opticians' testing and work rooms, pharmacies for dispensing prescriptions, chiropractors, radiology services, pathology services, physiotherapists for treatment prescribed by doctors and podiatrists.
- Irrigation: pumping for protection of crops.
- Laundromats for public use: for washing only.
- Milk: milking machines, separators, bottling, bulk coolers and dairy water heaters.
- Primary production: to the extent necessary to preserve livestock
- Printing: newspapers only.
- Public transport: Train and tram services.
- Refrigeration: perishable food, milk and medicines only.
- Religious services: weddings and funerals.
- Restaurants: hotels, cafes, takeaway foods etc.
- Safety: equipment directly associated with safety of people or animals and plants, such as drainage and water supply pumps.
- Stockfeed production: minimum essential use.
- Swimming pools: for therapeutic treatment, physiotherapy classes etc (no training sessions or general swimming).
- Television, audio or video equipment: for promotional or advertising purposes.
- Veterinary surgeries and animal hospitals and shelters, zoos and other animal accommodation.

To check if you may use power for a particular activity or operation, please call your local electricity supply company whose telephone number is shown on your electricity account. The numbers for the electricity companies are:

AGL 13 16 26	CitiPower	13 12 60	Powercor	13 21 14
TXU 13 34 66	United Energy	13 30 00		

If you have a query about the use of electricity for business that is not covered in this advertisement, please contact the Victorian Business Line on 13 22 15.

AUTOMATIC MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

Electricity can be used for air conditioning and washing machines for the following groups:

- People with a terminal illness and receiving Palliative Care
- People receiving Hospital in the Home treatment services
- People dependent on life support systems
- Women in the last three months of pregnancy with health complications
- Babies and children under 5 years of age
- People aged 70 and over
- People with a chronic illness or other chronic medical condition (including moderate to severe skin conditions) where those people whose health will or could be adversely affected by the restrictions or associated climatic or other conditions.
- People with moderate to severe physical or mental disability

Individuals in the categories above do not need to call, as they are automatically exempt.

For other health related queries call the Health Line on 1800 634 245 between 8.30am and 10.00pm - interpreter services available.

Queries from medical, health and community service providers should be made on 1800 890 390 between 8.30am and 7.00pm.

**EXEMPTIONS DO NOT PROTECT POLICE, EMERGENCY & HEALTH SERVICES
FROM ELECTRICITY SUPPLY OUTAGES AND DISRUPTIONS.**

FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE RESTRICTIONS IS AN OFFENCE CARRYING A
MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$1,000,000 FOR CORPORATIONS AND \$10,000 FOR
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