

Eastern Ontario Power



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INFORMATION BULLETIN

All customers are being reminded of the continued importance to conserve on the use of electricity during this critical period. In keeping with this request, Ontario Premier, Ernie Eves, issued a request over the weekend to all large manufacturers, commercial and retail businesses of electricity in the Province to reduce their normal consumption by 50% wherever possible, to ensure that there is enough power to meet the demand for essential services such as hospitals and water treatment plants. In addition, all consumers are being asked to shift their energy consumption pattern to the off-peak hours (between 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.).

At 10:00 a.m. this morning, the Independent Electricity Market Operator (IMO) and Hydro One Networks provided the electricity utilities with an update of the current situation in Ontario.

The IMO has indicated that while the amount of available generation in Ontario is beginning to improve, the Province's energy supply remains under the state of emergency until further notice. As a result, the potential for further power outages remains, while restoration of the system continues throughout the week.

Hydro One has also confirmed that the transmission grid, currently, is fully operational. The main challenge over the next week will continue to be the return of required generation to meet existing demand.

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