



CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

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Canadian Niagara Power Plans Town Wide Outage for System Upgrades

For immediate release

February 26, 2018 (Fort Erie, Ontario) - Canadian Niagara Power Inc. ("CNPI"), wishes to inform its customers that a town wide power outage will occur on Sunday March 4, 2018, between the hours of 03:00 am and 03:30 am. This outage is required to carry out upgrades to the transmission system and is being supported by the International Power Line ("IPL"). While the estimated length of the power outage is approximately 30 minutes, CNPI will endeavor to minimize the total duration of the interruption

The electrical supply will be transferred from the Ontario grid to the New York grid via the IPL. This supply transfer and the associated power outage are required to facilitate upgrades by both CNPI and Hydro One to the electrical transmission system in Fort Erie. The work is expected to take approximately one week to complete. An additional outage will be required upon completion of this work in order to transfer the supply back to the Ontario grid. This additional outage is scheduled to occur on Sunday March 11, 2018 between the hours of 03:00 am and 03:30 am.

"These two, short duration town wide power outages are necessary to facilitate the required upgrades to the system. CNPI recognizes that power outages are an inconvenience to our customers and we have chosen times we believe to be the least disruptive. We appreciate our customer's patience and understanding during these outages" said Kristine Carmichael, Director, Corporate & Customer Services at CNPI. "We are pleased that we are able to minimize what would have been numerous outages of lengthy durations to only two, thirty minute outages by utilizing the IPL. This again, is the great benefit to having this inter-tie".

Customers may wish to visit CNPI's website to review the Power Interruption Procedures as well as the Fire Safety Notice at www.cnpower.com/power-outage/power-outage-information. Customers may also follow CNPI on Facebook and or Twitter using #TownWide2018 for information regarding the outages.

For more information please contact our offices at 905-871-0330 or visit our website at www.cnpower.com.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of FortisOntario Inc. ("FortisOntario"). CNPI has approximately 29,000 customers in Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and Gananoque. For further information visit www.cnpower.com. FortisOntario, headquartered in Fort Erie, has operations in electricity distribution and transmission and serves approximately 65,500 customers primarily located in Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Cornwall, Gananoque, and the Algoma district of Ontario and meets a peak demand of 248 MW.

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