



PRESS RELEASE

HEDNO: Clarifications for the power supply problems in the area of Kineta because of the forest fire

HEDNO announces that due to the severe forest fire sweeping through the area of Kineta since noon today, Monday, 23 July 2018, Medium Voltage lines of the Electricity Distribution Network have been out of service to facilitate fire fighting; as a result the power supply to parts of the area of Kineta and settlements in the greater area has been interrupted.

HEDNO's crews were stand-by with all the materials and equipment necessary from the very first moment the forest fire broke out, and, wherever access was allowed by the Fire Brigade, they have already restored damages to the Network; due to the fact that the forest fire is still blazing, they shall fully restore damages and the power supply as soon as permission to access the greater afflicted area is given.

HEDNO asks all citizens, if they see damages to the Network (fallen poles, cables, wires etc), to consider that it is live (under voltage) and not try to touch it but immediately contact HEDNO's call center for faults or the local Police Station.

Please note that power supply problems observed in areas where forest fires have broken out are partly caused by deliberate power cuts carried out by HEDNO itself for safety reasons as standard policy and after the agreement of the Fire Brigade if the fire has broken out near the Network to allow safe water drop by the Fire Brigade, and partly caused by the fire itself (i.e. burning poles).

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