



PRESS STATEMENT

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MAJOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WORKS ON 330KV KABWE STEPDOWN - PENSULO TRANSMISSION LINE TO AFFECT POWER SUPPLY TO NORTHERN, MUCHINGA, LUAPULA, EASTERN, AND CENTRAL PROVINCES

Lusaka, Wednesday, 06 September, 2023. ZESCO Limited has scheduled major annual maintenance works on the main power system central corridor's substation situated in Kabwe. The works on the main 330kV transmission line from Kabwe Step Down Substation to Pensulo Substation is scheduled to take place on the 16th and 17th of September 2023 from 06:00 hours to 16:00 hours on each day.

The planned maintenance works on the transmission line will necessitate interruption of power supply to most parts of Northern, Muchinga, Luapula, Eastern, Northern and Central Provinces.

The 330kV Kabwe Step Down – Pensulo transmission line is presently the sole power transporting conduit from Zambia's major power generating stations in the southern part of the country to the five mentioned provinces in the north.

As a long-term solution, ZESCO Limited is constructing the second 330kV Kabwe Step Down - Pensulo transmission line whose works have reached an advanced stage and is scheduled for commissioning by the end of December 2023. The additional transmission line once commissioned, shall not only enhance the capacity and security of power supply to the fore mentioned provinces but also provide flexibility to maintenance scheduling, such that there will be no power interruption due to line maintenance.

As a safety precaution, all customers are urged to treat all supply lines to be live, as power supply could be restored before the stated time.

ZESCO regrets the inconvenience this outage will cause to our esteemed customers.

Issued by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Loongo', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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