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PRESS STATEMENT

REVISION OF LOAD MANAGEMENT TO SIX (6) HOURS

ZESCO Limited wishes to inform its esteemed customers and the general public that commencing Tuesday, September 03 2019, load management hours will be revised to 6 hours. This is mainly due to the limitation in power generation caused by low water levels at our major hydropower plants.

The load management hours are being revised upwards in order to prevent over generation beyond the recommended levels at Kafue Gorge and Kariba North Bank Power Stations and to ensure that the reduced generation resources available, can be stretched to get the nation well into the next rain season, around January 2020.

Further, in an effort to provide improved supply of reliable electricity for everyone, ZESCO encourages its customers and the general public to use electricity prudently by ensuring that all non-essential appliances remain switched off when not in use. Industrial customers are further encouraged to apply energy efficient methods in their production processes to help mitigate the power deficit during this period.

Please note that, due to the emergency situation regarding power supply in the country, from time to time, system conditions may dictate extended load management hours beyond the stated times, which will be communicated to the customers via the ZESCO SMS system.

The new load management schedules for September 2019 will continue to be published, on the ZESCO website and the daily newspapers.

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