



***GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY***

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**Power Outage**

The Gibraltar Electricity Authority would like to apologise for any inconvenience to the public caused by the power outage that occurred in the early hours of Friday morning on the 2 August at approximately 03.22 hours, and which affected the whole of Gibraltar. The power outage was due to an earth fault which caused the voltage and frequency to plummet, thus activating the falling frequency protection which load shedded all main feeders.

The problem has been traced to the Combined Energy Plant (Old Incinerator) substation switchgear which failed without warning.

All feeders were restored by 04.22 hrs with the exception of the failed switchgear at the Combined Energy Plant (Old Incinerator) which has been isolated. The exact nature of why the switchgear failed is still been investigated but the failed equipment has been isolated and we do not expect a re-occurrence of this problem.