

Potential Critical Contingency Notification

Date:	23 March 2022
Time:	3:10pm
Notice Number:	CC-0064
Notice Type:	Potential Critical Contingency
Notice Issued to:	Firstgas TSO
Notice Copied to:	Stakeholders listed in Information Guide
Current Status:	The CCO has determined that a potential Critical Contingency situation exists.
CCO Instruction to TSO:	Issue notice of Potential Critical Contingency to Large Consumers and Retailers as soon as possible and ensure an appropriate critical notice is posted on OATIS.
Event causing potential Critical Contingency:	<p>The TSO has advised the CCO that recent unplanned outages, and a continuing outage at Oaonui Production Station, have resulted in low linepack across the transmission system.</p> <p>In addition, the current weather situation has a risk of thunderstorms which could adversely affect the operation of the Production Stations currently on-line.</p> <p>Any further unplanned outage of gas production would put the Rotowaro and/or Kapuni pressure thresholds at high risk of being breached.</p>
Summary of actions being taken to resolve event and estimated time to resolve:	<p>The TSO has advised the CCO that an estimate of when Oaonui will return to production is approximately 4pm today at the earliest.</p> <p>The CCO is monitoring the situation and assessing how it could impact on the supply of gas to consumers.</p> <p>If a pressure threshold is breached or a breach is considered unavoidable, the CCO will declare a Critical Contingency and determine if any load curtailment instructions will be required.</p> <p>If a Critical Contingency is declared and load curtailment instructions are required, they are likely to impact on Band 0, 1 and 2 consumers only.</p>
Areas of transmission system affected:	All areas

The CCO will terminate the Potential Critical Contingency by either issuing a Notification of Termination of Potential Critical Contingency or declaring a Critical Contingency.

This notice is issued in accordance with the General Critical Contingency Notice Conditions contained in the CCO Information Guide, CCO Communications Plan and First Gas CCMP.

The CCO will issue advice of this Notice of Potential Critical Contingency to the stakeholders listed in the CCO Information Guide and publish this notice in the public domain of the CCO internet site at <https://www.cco.org.nz/current-event/>