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### ESKOM DECLARES POWER EMERGENCY

- Eskom has declared a power emergency, with the company saying that load shedding might take place if the need arises.
- The power utility declared the emergency at 6am today, and has asked key industrial customers to reduce their load by 10% as of 8am this morning.
- Eskom calls on consumers to urgently switch off geysers, pool pumps and all non-essential appliances this morning to prevent the need for rotational load shedding.
- “The power system is very tight. This risk has increased significantly due to the heavy rains over the last few days and an increase in technical problems experienced at some of Eskom's power stations,” said Eskom.
- In the event that load shedding becomes necessary, the utility will use its published load shedding schedules, which are available on the Eskom website (<http://loadshedding.eskom.co.za/>)
- Eskom customers can also contact the customer call centre on **0860 037 566**.



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