

Media statement – for immediate release
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Power restored in north-east Christchurch

All power was restored by 6.25pm following a power cut that affected approximately 10,000 customers in north-east Christchurch at 5.28pm today.

The fault occurred at the Orion substation in St Albans and affected parts of St Albans, Edgeware, Richmond, Mairehau and Dallington.

“We would like to thank customers for their understanding as our network in north-east Christchurch remains fragile after the earthquakes. We are in the process of installing a new high voltage cable that will improve the reliability of supply in that area,” says Orion Chief Executive Rob Jamieson.

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Note:

Orion New Zealand Limited owns and operates the electricity network in Christchurch and central Canterbury. Our network covers 8,000km² between the Rakaia and Waimakariri rivers and from the Canterbury coast to Arthur’s Pass. We deliver electricity to more than 190,000 homes and businesses across this diverse geographical area.

There are 29 electricity distribution companies in New Zealand. Orion’s neighbours are MainPower New Zealand Limited (north of the Waimakariri River), Electricity Ashburton Limited (south of the Rakaia River) and Westpower Limited (west of Arthur’s Pass).

