

Media statement – for immediate release
11.00am – Wednesday, 6 June 2012

Orion network coping well with snow

In general, the Orion network is holding up well as snow continues to fall in Christchurch and central Canterbury.

Approximately 400 customers in parts of Harewood, West Melton and McLeans Island are without power due to the weather and a car collision with a power pole. Teams are working as quickly as possible to restore power.

“Our crews are ready to respond quickly to any issues and make any repairs needed. At this stage, the network appears to be coping reasonably well,” says Orion Chief Executive Rob Jamieson.

“We urge people in Christchurch and central Canterbury to please keep off the roads as much as possible today – our crews need to be able to get through on the roads safely and quickly to restore power. If you must go out, please drive carefully,” Mr Jamieson continues.

If your power is off, please contact Orion on 03 363 9898. Contact friends or family for help where necessary.

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Further information:

- The Orion website gives details of current power outages, including areas affected and estimates for power restoration – see www.oriongroup.co.nz/outages.aspx.
- Orion also uses Twitter to send updates about the power supply situation in Christchurch and central Canterbury – see www.twitter.com/OrionNZ.
- **Orion’s next update will be by 2.00pm today, unless the situation changes significantly.**

