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## **Recent floods cause widespread damages on the Electricity Distribution Network**

Flash floods that hit between Monday, 13 November 2017 and Saturday, 18 November 2017, have caused widespread damages on the Electricity Distribution Network across the country, disrupting power supply for almost 75.000 electricity consumers.

In the region of western Attica, due to failures caused on the Medium and Low Voltage network, electricity supply was disrupted in Mandra, Magoula, Elefsina, Nea Peramos, Megara, Vilia, Enoe and Erythres.

HEDNO crews responded immediately, and, despite the access challenges created by torrents of mud and debris, they managed to isolate the parts of the network that were stroke mostly, i.e. 1500 consumers in total (approx.). At the same time, we started urgent restoration works wherever access was possible, working closely with local government authorities, the Region of Attica, Civil Protection and the Fire Brigade.

Today, Monday, 20 November 2017, in western Attica, there are only a few isolated Low Voltage networks that remain without electricity, i.e. almost 30 consumers in total. HEDNO is working hard to restore power supply for these users as soon as possible.

Additionally, flash floods caused serious network damages - destroying poles, damaging Medium Voltage lines that power-supply thousands of consumers and flooding substations - in many other areas, including Simi, Larissa, Evoia, Aitolokarnania, Kerkira, Paxoi and Katerini.

HEDNO's Administration would like to thank its staff for their immediate response and the huge efforts they made to restrain electricity distribution damages to the minimum, and extend its heartfelt grief for this deadly disaster and its condolences to the families of the victims.

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