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## **Otahuhu outage extended**

Contact Energy today said a scheduled maintenance outage at the company's Otahuhu combined-cycle gas-fired power station would be extended until the end of February 2010.

The decision to extend the outage follows a routine inspection, in which cracks in welds in the power station's heat recovery steam generator (HRSG) were discovered.

The decision has been taken to repair these immediately over a period of lower electricity demand and ahead of winter 2010.

Contact has rescheduled routine maintenance at its Taranaki combined-cycle gas-fired power station until the Otahuhu repairs have been completed.

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