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TAKE ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS POWER SUPPLY: PUCSL TO CEB

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Power regulator, the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL), once again instructed the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) to take immediate action to prevent a possible power shortage during the period January – April 2017 due to the prevailing dry weather while recommending full Utilization of available

thermal generation capacities. The PUCSL also recommended the use of self-generation by captive generators to reduce demand and the addition of new generation plants as well as taking measures to increase the contribution from rooftop solar generation.

“The PUCSL has analysed the current power situation and the Commission’s recommendation to mitigate the impact of power shortages

during the period January to April 2017 is forwarded herewith for your immediate attention”, the PUCSL said in its communiqué to the CEB.

A successive failure of monsoons has reduced hydro reservoir storage levels to less than 500 GWh and the Commission has recommended the above actions to be taken.

The PUCSL said inadequate fuel supply due to defective pipeline from the Port to

Muthurajawela was rectified on December 22, which helped to maintain strategic fuel reserves at the Kerawalapitya storage with a capacity of 38,000 MTs.

Promoting self-generation by captive generators to reduce the demand during the day and peak periods was necessary. In addition, the CEB should look into the possibility of importing energy from these plants to the grid, the PUCSL said.