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The recent blackouts are not due to a generation deficit, but rather to breakdowns caused by the excessive demand for electricity. Almonte spoke when interviewed during the Corripio Communications Group luncheon.

“These blackouts are not due to generation deficit, on the contrary, we have between 200 to 300 megawatts idle. The blackouts are due to the surge in demand due to the number of air conditioners (explained by the heat) that have forced the operation of transformers and substations that have 40 and 50 years of operation and are in very bad conditions and has caused breakdowns,” he said.

Almonte said that climate change is affecting energy production in the country, resulting in increased demand from consumers. He also mentioned the impact of sargassum on power generation and the reduction of hydroelectric production due to the present drought.

Almonte said that consumer demand has caused an overload in the distribution networks, resulting in interruptions in different areas, especially where the equipment is obsolete or where there are many users.

Q. Does someone have to be at the premises for the new service to be installed? A. If the load side is in a yard that is enclosed by a fence or a gate, the answer is yes. If the yard is open then someone does not necessarily have to be at the premises.

Q. What is the cost for a new service which involves new poles and wiring? A. If the distance exceeds 100 ft 50c must be paid for every foot of cable. Commercial customers must pay for the meter, every foot of cable and a security deposit is required based on the number of points specified on the fitness certificate.

Q. Does DOMLEC offer a payment arrangement service if my bill is extremely high? If so what are the procedures? A. Yes, you would need to come in to speak to Mr. Blanchard or Miss. Defoe (contact information indicated in previous question). Each case would be treated on its own merit and arrangements are also made for consumers that were billed recoveries.



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