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Excerpt translated from State's January 27, 2008 submission to the Court regarding new plan to cut electricity

35. The updated plan to restrict the supply of electricity to the Strip will include the following elements:
- a. The restrictions will be implemented in a gradual manner, on three of the ten lines that service the Strip.
 - b. The restrictions will be continuous, i.e. it will be implemented 24 hours a day throughout the week.
 - c. The plan involves the decrease of the amount of electricity that is supplied to the Strip using the calibrations of load regulators that are affixed to the supply lines that flow into the Strip.
 - d. The restriction will be up to 5% of the total supply on each one of the lines. The restriction of each additional line of the three will be implemented subject to a weekly evaluation of the situation.
 - e. The relevant Palestinian bodies will receive updates regarding the details of the plan.

Under the plan, in the first stage the maximum electricity supply of some 14 Megawatts on the “Nekerot” line will be restricted to some 13.5 Megawatts. In the second stage, the amount supplied on the “Shiryon” line will be reduced from 14 Megawatts to 13.5 Megawatts. In the third stage, the amount supplied on the “Iron” line will be reduced from 13 Megawatts to 12.5 Megawatts.

36. Regarding the electricity, the respondents detailed the principle points in their statement of December 27, 2007. We note that the position of the respondents in this regard was as follows:
- a. The restriction of electricity supply planned at this time is very small – less than 5% on three of the ten lines that carry electricity from Israel to the Strip.
 - b. The progression from one stage of the plan to the next will be dependent on an evaluation of the situation.
 - c. As far as has been reported by the Palestinians to Israel Electric and the Coordinator of Government Operations in the Territories, the Palestinians have the capacity to decrease the loads on the lines – a capability that the Palestinians have already used.
 - d. In light of the above, there is no legal impediment to the restriction of the electricity supply as described above. The plan is set to be implemented starting February 7, 2008.