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POWERCOR TO BUILD NEW \$13.7 MILLION GISBORNE ZONE SUBSTATION TO SERVE GROWING REGION

Victorian electricity distribution business Powercor Australia's new \$13.7 million Gisborne Zone Substation was launched today at a groundbreaking ceremony by CitiPower and Powercor CEO Shane Breheny and Macedon Ranges Shire Mayor, Cr Henry McLaughlin.

The Gisborne Zone Substation will be a key electricity distribution hub ensuring the security and reliability of electricity supply in a growing Victorian region, and also cater for expected growth in demand for electricity in the area.

CitiPower and Powercor Australia's Chief Executive Officer Shane Breheny said the Gisborne Zone Substation demonstrates Powercor's commitment to provide customers with a safe and reliable power supply.

"The Gisborne Zone Substation will enhance Powercor's ability to supply power to the southern Macedon Ranges area," Mr Breheny said.

Upon completion in 2012, the new substation will supply electricity to more than 7200 customers in Gisborne, New Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon, and Riddells Creek. It will provide extra capacity in the network to cater for the vigorous growth in the area, and also contribute to improved reliability, by establishing shorter lines of supply and removing the need to carry the power through the rugged terrain of the Macedon Ranges to these communities.

The construction of the new Gisborne Zone Substation will also benefit areas served by the nearby Woodend Zone Substation as it will free up additional capacity in the regions in and around Woodend and Kyneton.

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