

"Guiteras" back on the grid



Completed in 1988, the "Antonio Guiteras" is the youngest large power plant in Cuba with 36 years of service (Source: [Granma](#))

Cuba's most powerful power plant, the "Antonio Guiteras", is back in operation. After an initial start-up attempt on Monday, the plant initially had to be shut down again and repaired due to a boiler leak. However, as Radio Rebelde journalist José Miguel Solís [reports](#), the power plant, which was built in Matanzas in 1988, has now been restarted and is [feeding](#) 280 megawatts of electricity into the grid as planned.

The maintenance break, which was originally scheduled to last 17 days, has thus been successfully completed. Following a high of over 1400 megawatts, the island's generation deficit has now returned to three-digit levels. The electricity supplier UNE is [forecasting](#) a deficit of 570 megawatts for today, Thursday. In addition, an oil tanker from Russia is to be unloaded in the coming days, which can also be used to boost the decentralized power supply via smaller diesel power plants. The peak phase of the current energy crisis has therefore been overcome - for the time being. Last Sunday, there were [protests](#) in eastern Cuba in particular due to the tense energy situation.

However, as Energy Minister Vicente de La O Levy [announced](#) last Saturday, it will take until the second week of April for the situation to normalize further, as the oil supplies still have to be processed in the refineries. Looking to the future, he pointed out that cyclical energy crises will continue to occur due to the extremely tight supply situation. Even after the [price increase on March 1](#), the supply situation at gas stations remains poor.

As announced by UNE, Block 6 of the "Diez de Octubre" power plant, Block 6 of "Renté", and Block 2 of "Felton" are out of operation due to breakdowns; Block 8 of the Mariel power plant and Block 6 of the Nuevitas plant are undergoing maintenance. ([Cubaheute](#))