



Head Office: 40 Market Street Melbourne Victoria
For all media enquiries contact our 24-Hour Media Service: Ph: (03) 9683 4342

Thursday, 24 July 2008

CITIPOWER AND POWERCOR DONATE \$20,000 TO VICTORIAN STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES

CitiPower and Powercor have donated \$20,000 to the Victorian State Emergency Services (VICSES) as a gesture of appreciation for the work of volunteers during the widespread and severe Victorian windstorms on 2 April.

Cyclone force winds impacted approximately 400,000 Victorian electricity customers, causing significant damage to power supplies across the state.

CitiPower and Powercor crews, like many others, worked tirelessly during the event and managed to return power to most affected customers within 36 hours of the initial impact. VICSES were also inundated with thousands of calls from residents – many experiencing severe damage to their property.

CitiPower and Powercor CEO Shane Breheny presented the donation to VICSES CEO Mary Barry in recognition of her organisation's volunteers in the aftermath of the storms.

The donation will assist VICSES to acknowledge its volunteers for their dedication during the event at recognition dinners throughout central and western Victoria.

Mr Breheny said it was fitting for CitiPower and Powercor to donate to an organisation with similar responsibilities and interests in community safety.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, Mr Breheny said there was overwhelming support from within the business to thank VICSES for helping the business to recover from the widespread damage caused by the storm.

VICSES CEO Mary Barry said VICSES volunteers would greatly appreciate the donation.

“CitiPower and Powercor's kind donation will directly benefit VICSES volunteers and on behalf of all our members I would like to thank them for their generous support,” Ms Barry said.

“We are looking forward to a strong and productive partnership between our two organisations so that we can help create a better prepared and safer community”.

CitiPower and Powercor plan to build even stronger ties with operational contacts at VICSES to prepare for potential crisis events in the future.

**Media inquiries: CitiPower and Powercor's 24-hour media service on
03 9683 4342.**

MEDIA RELEASE