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## Power upgrades necessitate conservation

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University, which has required the shifting of electrical loads onto one power line, also means that faculty, staff and students should take energy conservation measures.

"While we're performing power cable replacements, we're shifting electrical loads between two lines," said Lynne Schaefer, vice president for Finance and Administration. "Because work can only be performed on dead service lines, all the buildings on the main campus will be on a single line until the last week in August. Due to the limited capacity of our existing electrical service while using only one line, we will need to reduce electrical usage during this period."

Schaefer asks that all campus employees help conserve energy to avoid unscheduled electrical outages by shutting down computers, monitors, lights and other equipment not necessary to conduct immediate business. Comfort air conditioning temperatures may be raised as needed to maintain the electrical service, and employees should dress accordingly on hot days.

See the **Oakland University Green Computing Guide** for instructions on how to automatically shut down computers when they are not in use. Further conservation measures soon will be listed on the OU Web site. If you have any questions or concerns, Energy Manager Jim Leidel may be contacted at (248) 370-4990.

### SUMMARY

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