

Ukraine Restores Crimea Power Supplies

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Ukraine has partially restored power supplies to Crimea, according to the press office of the Kherson Region, the RIA Novovsti news agency reported Tuesday,

The Kakhovka-Titan power line started to supply the peninsula with 220 megawatts of energy at about 1:15 a.m. on Tuesday, the agency reported.

The restoration of the energy supply was approved by the pro-Ukrainian activists who had previously advocated a full blockade of Crimea by Ukraine. They had blocked the relaunch of the power line despite Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's assurances that Kiev would restore power supplies to the peninsula.

Russia's Energy Ministry confirmed on Tuesday that power supplies from Ukraine had been restored, RIA Novovsti reported.

However, the Crimean authorities failed to confirm that power had been restored. "We have

no such information," Crimean Prime Minister Sergei Aksyonov told RIA Novosti.

Power lines from Ukraine to Crimea were blown up on Nov. 20 and 21 by Ukrainian activists. Crimea had been receiving most of its energy from Ukraine and the incident resulted in a blackout on the peninsula.

One of the power lines was restored by Nov. 26, but the Ukrainian authorities failed to agree with the activist on the restoration of energy supply. On Dec. 3, Russia partially restored energy supply by launching an undersea cable.

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