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Damaged Substation Equipment Causes Belize City Power Outage – BEL Completes Repairs

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) advises the general public that it has completed repairs to damaged equipment at the Company's substation, which caused an unscheduled power outage that affected the majority of customers in Belize City last night.

At 6:29 p.m. yesterday, power was lost to Belize City Feeders 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, which supply approximately 80% of BEL's customers in Belize City. Affected areas included the north side of Belize City up to Mile 1 on the Northern Highway and the south side of Belize City up to a portion of Fabers Road.

Investigations have revealed that a damaged switch for the voltage regulator located at the substation on Magazine Road in Belize City caused the loss in power supply. Power distribution was redirected and power was restored to all the affected areas by 7:34 p.m.

Work crews were dispatched this morning and power was again disrupted from 4:53 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. to facilitate repairs to the damaged equipment.

BEL conducts thermo-scanning surveys on its electrical systems annually to identify potential trouble spots and minimize opportunities for faults resulting in power outages.

BEL regrets any inconvenience caused by this power outage. For more information kindly call 0-800-BEL-CARE (0-800-235-2273).

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