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**BEL Restores Power to Northern Belize after Rectifying
Fault at the Westlake Generating Plant**

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has restored power to Northern Belize after rectifying a fault at the Westlake Generating Plant.

The outage occurred at 6:26 a.m. after there was a fault in the start sequence of the Gas Turbine Unit at the Westlake Generating Plant. BEL was in the process of bringing online the Gas Turbine Unit to replace generation lost from Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE). CFE had requested that BEL disconnect from its system in order for the Mexican Utility to carry out system maintenance.

After trouble shooting, employees were able to rectify the problem and restore power to all areas in Northern Belize by 9:37 a.m. . BEL was able to restore power to Feeder 1 and Feeder 4 in San Pedro Town at 7:38 a.m. using hydroelectricity.

In the meantime, at 9:18 a.m. BEL cut off power supply to Feeder 1 in Belize City to repair a faulty insulator. Feeder 1 serves mostly downtown Belize City. A linemen crew is currently working to restore power to the area as soon as possible.

BEL regrets any inconvenience caused by these outages and assures customers that our employees will continue with efforts to minimize power outages.

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