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BEL Restores Power Supply to the Ladyville Feeder

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) completed a temporary fix to the problem at Mile 8 on the Western Highway on the 115 kV transmission line and restored power to Feeders 7, 8 and 11 at 4:05 p.m.

The problem arose when excessive rains and water runoffs saturated the ground, causing several poles to lean, resulting in the 115 kV transmission line coming too close to the 22 kV distribution lines that supplies power to Feeder 7, 8 and 11 in the Belize District.

Since this morning, crews have been working to straighten the poles and install anchors, however, due to the deep swamp, heavy duty equipment could not be used and works had to be done manually.

To temporarily fix the problem, crews have isolated the portion of the 115 kV transmission line that is dangerously close to the distribution lines. As a result, the transmission system is temporarily split, with Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE) feeding the Northern districts and hydroelectric sources feeding central and Southern Belize.

In the meantime, power supply has been restored to the affected areas: from Mile 1 on the Northern Highway to Crooked Tree Village; villages along the Old Northern Highway and from Mile 1 to Mile 25 along the Western Highway. Crews are continuing with works to permanently restore the transmission system. BEL may have to schedule further outages over the next 24 hours to facilitate these works.

BEL apologizes for the inconvenience caused by this outage. For more information call 0-800-BEL-CARE or 0-800-235-2273.

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