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**Copper Thieves Strike San Ignacio Substation, Causing Power Outage in the Area**

At 7:16 a.m. today, power supply was lost to San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District, following a trip on the 115 kV transmission line.

Work crews were dispatched to the field where they discovered that the ground copper wire for the main transformer at the San Ignacio Substation was stolen. Repairs were completed at 9:13 a.m., at which time power was restored to the area.

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) reminds the general public of the dangers of tampering with ground wires, as this can result in serious injury or death. Anyone having information relating to these criminal activities is asked to contact the nearest Police Station or Crime Stoppers.

Another power outage on Feeder 3 in San Pedro Town occurred at 9:15 a.m. today. The cause of the outage was a downed power line. Work crews are expected to complete repairs by 11:30 a.m. today, at which time power will be restored.

BEL regrets any inconvenience caused by this outage. For more information call BEL at 0-800-BEL-CARE or 0-800-235-2273.

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