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### **Lightning Storm Damages Transformer Cables in Southern Belize and Causes Power Outage in Independence and Placencia**

At about 2:45 a.m. today, power supply to the village of Placencia and a portion of Independence was lost during a lightning storm, which damaged the 22kv/6.6kv transformer cables located at the substation in Independence.

BEL was able to restore power at 2:46 a.m. however; power supply was lost again at 3:43 a.m. as a result of the damage to the transformer cables caused during the lightning storm.

Linemen crews were dispatched to the field and continue to work on restoring power to the affected areas. BEL expects power to be restored by 2:00 p.m. today and should there be any changes, BEL will provide updated information at that time.

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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