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Damaged Infrastructure causes Power Outage in Southern & Western Zones

A power outage in the Southern and Western Zones this morning was caused by a trip on the system due to a broken crossarm on BEL's 115kV transmission line along the Western Highway.

At 8:56 a.m. power supply was lost to the entire Southern Zone which includes the Stann Creek and Toledo Districts and to the Western Zone comprising the Cayo District.

Power supply was restored to the Southern Zone and Belmopan City at 10:10 a.m. and to the remainder of affected areas by 10:58 a.m. San Ignacio Town, Benque Viejo Town and surrounding areas are now being supplied with power from Mollejon while BEL crews work to repair the damaged infrastructure.

Customers in San Ignacio Town, Benque Viejo Town and surrounding areas are advised that they will experience two brief power outages of 20 minutes each at about 3:30 p.m. today to facilitate switching from Mollejon generation to the National Grid.

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

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