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BEL Restores Power to Placencia and Independence

Power supply was restored to the village of Placencia and the affected area in Independence at 1:54 a.m. today after linemen crews repaired damages to parts of a transformer which occurred during a lightning storm in the area early Saturday morning.

Power supply was initially lost at 2:45 a.m. on Saturday and restored at 2:46 a.m.. As a result of the damages to the transformer, located at the substation in Independence Village, power supply was lost again at 3:43 a.m.

Linemen crews were dispatched to the field and while temporary repairs were made to the transformer, additional problems with the equipment were identified which required the linemen to work into Saturday night to restore power.

BEL regrets any inconvenience that was caused by this power outage. For more information kindly call 0-800-BEL-CARE (0-800-235-2273).

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