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### **Power Outage in Southern Belize Resulted from Transformer Trip**

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has identified the cause of a power outage in the Southern portion of the country last night. The outage resulted from a trip at the La Democracia transformer. BEL had brought on-line portable generators to meet the system load in the area however the generators had to be temporarily taken off to rectify a high voltage problem. Upon taking the generators off-line the trip occurred.

This resulted in an interruption of power supply to the municipalities of Dangriga Town, Independence Village, Punta Gorda Town and surrounding villages. BEL immediately dispatched work crews to investigate the incident and correct the problem and by 9:45 p.m. power was fully restored to all affected areas.

As part of its System Reliability Improvement Project now underway, BEL is upgrading the substations at La Democracia, Mullins River and Dangriga as well as the Southern Transmission Line from 34.5 kV to 69 kV, to accommodate load growth in these service areas. Upon completion of this \$5 million project, quality of voltage supply will also be improved.

BEL regrets any inconvenience caused by this outage. For more information on scheduled outages, customers may call toll free at 0-800-BEL-CARE or 0-800-235-2273.

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