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BEL Restores Power to the National Grid

At 11:35 p.m. last night, power supply was lost to the national grid, following a trip on the 115 kV transmission line between Buena Visa and Maskall.

Using power supply from Mexico, power was restored to most areas in the Northern Zone by 2:17 a.m.. Using local supply, power was restored to San Ignacio Town and surrounding areas by 2:10 a.m.; to Belmopan and surrounding areas by 3:15 a.m.; to the Southern Zone and Belize City by 4:10 a.m.; to Ladyville and surrounding areas by 4:33 a.m. and to San Pedro Town by 4:50 a.m.

BEL is currently carrying out repairs to the fault, which are scheduled for completion later this morning. BEL apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this outage. For more information, call 0-800-BEL-CARE or 0-800-235-2273.

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