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Countrywide Power Outage Caused by Equipment Failure at CFE Substation

At 8:09 p.m. yesterday, power supply to the National Electricity Grid was lost resulting in a countrywide power outage. This was as a result of a failure at one of Comisión Federal de Electricidad's (CFE) main substations in Mexico.

CFE reported to BEL that a current transformer exploded at the Ticul Substation in Merida which caused a significant portion of the Yucatan and Campeche States to lose power supply. The resulting power swings overloaded Belize's transmission grid, causing it to collapse.

BEL was able to restore power to all service areas in Belize by bringing back on-line the Chalillo and Mollejon Hydroelectric Facilities and BEL's diesel generators.

Consequently, power was restored to all areas in Belize City and surrounding areas by 8:32 p.m., to the Western Zone by 8:48 p.m., the Northern Zone by 9:17 p.m. and the Southern Zone by 9:24 p.m. There was a one minute outage in the Northern Zone at 9:51 p.m. to reconnect to CFE.

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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