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**BEL Restores Power to Communities on Western Highway,
Affected by Late Night Power Outage**

At 10:02 p.m. yesterday, power supply was lost to those areas between the Mile 8 Community and Rancho Dolores Village along the Western Highway.

Work crews were dispatched to the field and were able to restore power to those areas between Mile 8 and Hattieville at 11:07 p.m. and all other affected areas at 4:00 a.m. today.

Investigations confirmed that the power outage resulted from a failed insulator in the Fresh Pond area. As the poles are located in a swampy area, this caused delays in fully restoring power.

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) regrets any inconvenience caused by this outage. For more information, please contact BEL at 0-800-BEL-CARE or 0-800-235-2273.

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