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BEL Works to Restore Power to Western & Southern Zones Following Trip on 115 kV Transmission Line

At 11:05 a.m. today, Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) lost power supply to the Southern, Western and Central Zones of the country following a trip on the 115 kV transmission line between the West Lake Substation and Belmopan City.

BEL has confirmed that the trip was caused by a broken crossarm.

At 11:35 a.m. power was restored to Belize City and Ladyville.

BEL continues to work on restoring power to the Western Zone which includes Belmopan City, San Ignacio Town, Benque Viejo Town and surrounding areas and to the Southern Zone, which includes Dangriga Town, Independence Village, Punta Gorda Town and surrounding areas. The Company expects to complete power restoration to the Western Zone by 1:30 p.m. and to the Southern Zone by 2:30 p.m.

BEL regrets the inconvenience customers may be experiencing as a result of these outages and assures them that its crews are working diligently to restore power as soon as possible.

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