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BEL Expects Mexican Power to Remain On-line as Hurricane Wilma Makes Landfall on the Yucatan Peninsula

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) advises the general public that it does not anticipate a loss of power supply from Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE), as Hurricane Wilma makes landfall on the Yucatan Peninsula.

Belize receives power from CFE via the Xulha Substation in Chetumal which sources its power from Merida. Based on official weather reports from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) a severe impact on Merida is not expected as the hurricane continues to move to the Northwest.

Nonetheless, in the unlikely event that Belize loses the Mexican power supply, with the present water storage at the Chalillo Hydroelectric Facility and additional generation at Chalillo, along with Mollejon, BEL's Gas turbine and diesel generators, BEL has sufficient in-country energy to meet the demand.

BEL will continue to update the general public should new developments take place.

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