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BEL Restores Power to Central, Western and Southern Zones Following Trip on the National Grid

At 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, power supply was lost to the Central, Western and Southern Zones, which include the Belize, Cayo, Stann Creek and Toledo Districts when a 22 kV breaker located in the West Lake Substation suffered a fault. This fault caused a loss of generation from the gas turbine unit, which resulted in a trip on the national grid.

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) work crews were dispatched to conduct repairs to the damaged equipment in order to normalize the system and restore power supply to the national grid.

As a result, power was fully restored to Belize City at 12:35 p.m., Dangriga at 12:41 p.m. San Pedro at 12:48 p.m., Belmopan and San Ignacio at 12:55 p.m. and to Punta Gorda and Independence at 12:56 p.m.

Ladyville Feeders 7 and 11, which are fed by the damaged 22 kV breaker experienced intermittent power outages while repairs were being conducted and power was fully restored to the Ladyville municipality at 2:30 p.m. and at 7:45 p.m. to the villages along the Northern Highway from Ladyville to Crooked Tree and the villages along the Old Northern Highway. Two outages at 4:00 a.m. today, affected Ladyville Feeders 7 and 11 for 16 and 44 minutes respectively while the system was being normalized.

BEL regrets any inconvenience caused by these outages. For more information, please contact BEL at 0-800-BEL-CARE or 0-800-235-2273.

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