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BEL Reconnects Essential Services and Assists with Hurricane Relief Efforts in Corozal

As of today Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has connected essential services in Corozal Town such as the Corozal Hospital, Belize Water Services Limited and Belize Telemedia Limited as well as a few other customers.

With the transmission line, which feeds power to the Corozal District, now energized, BEL has as many as 10 crews working in the town and surrounding villages to restore service to remaining customers. By the end of today, the Company expects to restore service to over 50 per cent of Corozal Town.

In the Orange Walk District, of the 33 surrounding villages, 31 are now energized. Service to Orange Walk Town was fully restored on Thursday. Work continues to restore service to the remaining villages.

Service to San Pedro Town has been fully restored with the exception of a few remote customers on the north side of the island. Work continues on restoring service to these remaining customers.

Comisión Federal de Electricidad has also completed repairs to the transmission line which feeds power to Belize and has reconnected with BEL's system.

Meanwhile, BEL has collaborated with the Belize Red Cross Society to identify and provide relief to residents most affected by the storm. Yesterday, BEL employees traveled to the Corozal District and distributed food supplies, medical supplies and toiletries to hurricane victims in Halls Layout, Venezuelan Site and Melinda Layout.

“BEL employees have been working tirelessly to restore service to customers that have been affected by Hurricane Dean,” said President and Chief Executive Officer Lynn Young. “We are pleased with progress so far, as we are ahead of where we thought we would be at this time. In addition to efforts to restore electricity, we are glad to be able to help victims on a personal level with some of their immediate needs.”

As part of its relief effort, BEL is working with the National Emergency Management Organization to ensure that electrical repairs are carried out to homes in order for the premises to be ready to receive power once BEL completes all service restoration works.

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