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Fault on Mexico's Transmission Line Causes National Power Outage

A fault, which resulted in a trip on the Mexican 230 kV transmission line earlier today, caused a national power outage at 5:14 a.m. in Belize.

Mexico's Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE) reported to BEL that the cause of the trip was an auto-transformer fault on their transmission line.

Using local generation sources, BEL was able to restore power to Ladyville by 5:51 a.m., to Belize City by 5:54 a.m., to the Western Zone by 6:19 a.m. and to the Southern Zone by 6:23 a.m.

Power supply from Mexico was restored at 6:32 a.m. at which time power was immediately restored to San Pedro. Power was restored to Orange Walk at 6:51 a.m.; due to a damaged insulator on the 34.5 kV transmission line, power was restored to Corozal at 7:59 a.m.

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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