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### **Lightning Storm Causes Intermittent Power Outages in the Belize District**

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is working to restore power to residents of Rancho Dolores Village after a lightning storm in the Belize District early this morning resulted in damages to the Company's infrastructure.

At 12:56 a.m., power was lost to several areas in Ladyville, Belize City and Rancho Dolores Village resulting in intermittent outages ranging from 1 hour 20 minutes to just over 5 hours. Investigations have revealed that these outages were caused by lightning damage to the 6.6kv transmission line.

The 22kv transmission line in Rancho Dolores Village was also damaged by lightning and the area remains without power. Linemen crews were dispatched to the field and continue to work on restoring power to the affected area.

BEL expects power to be restored by 1:00 p.m. today and should there be any changes, BEL will provide updated information at that time.

BEL regrets any inconvenience caused by this power outage. For more information kindly call 0-800-BEL-CARE (0-800-235-2273).

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