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BEL Restores Power to the Southern Zone

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has restored power supply to the Southern Zone, which includes the entire Stann Creek and Toledo Districts following a trip on the 69 kV transmission line at 1:54 p.m. today.

BEL work crews were dispatched to identify the cause of the trip and found that a snake had become entangled on an insulator on the transmission line in the Stann Creek District.

After the obstruction was removed, power was restored to all affected areas between 5:00 p.m. and 5:14 p.m. today.

BEL apologizes to customers for the inconvenience caused by this power outage.

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