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BEL Restores Power to Punta Gorda Town following Unplanned Power Outage

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) advises that power supply was lost to Punta Gorda Town and surrounding areas at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, July 2 due to a trip on the distribution system. This resulted in a power outage which affected all of Punta Gorda Town and surrounding areas including San Antonio Road up to Jacintoville including San Marcus Village, Laguna Village, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Midway and Barranco Village, Elridgeville, Thomas Village, Cattle Landing and Hopeville.

BEL work crews were immediately dispatched to trace the line in order to find the cause of the trip. The fault was identified as two damaged insulators on the distribution system.

Works to replace the damaged equipment got underway shortly thereafter. While efforts were made to restore power supply to the affected areas, intermittent power outages were experienced in some affected areas. Power supply was restored to all affected areas by 7:41 p.m.

BEL apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this outage.

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