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BEL Assists CARILEC Member Utility with Hurricane Restoration Works

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is honoured to assist Bermuda Electric Light Company Limited (BELCO) and Anguilla Electricity Company Limited (ANGLEC), as both fellow members of the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC), undertake restoration works following damages caused by the passage of Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricane Gonzalo in those islands on October 11 and 17 respectively.

In Bermuda, these incidents resulted in 12 persons injured, damaged buildings and extensive damages to BELCO's power distribution system, which left over 80% of customers without power. Anguilla, which received a direct hit from Hurricane Gonzalo, also experienced extensive damage to their electricity infrastructure. Subsequently, ANGLEC sought immediate assistance from CARILEC.

In keeping with CARILEC's Disaster Assistance Programme (CDAP), member utilities make annual contributions to the CDAP fund so that the CARILEC Secretariat can coordinate regional efforts for disaster assistance. One of these activities include the deployment of engineers to undertake damage assessments and line crews to carry out transmission and distribution line restoration.

Anguilla received immediate assistance with the restoration of power lines by 10 linemen from U.S. Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (VIWAPA) of St. Thomas.

In response to BELCO's request, twelve utilities positively responded and based on the timing of their responses, the state of readiness (tools, equipment, travel documents) and the number of crew members available, BEL was accepted along with Bahamas Electricity Company (BEC), Barbados Light and Power Company (BLPC) and Caribbean Utilities Company of Cayman Islands (CUC).

In keeping focused on its vision of "A Model of Excellence", BEL is proud to assist its fellow CARILEC utilities and thanks these employees for representing the nation of Belize and the Company's values of Reliability, Integrity, Teamwork, Respect and a Passion for Excellence.



BEL employees, Brian Gentle, Rodney Baird and Gregory Kerr, at Philip Goldson International Airport prior to their departure to Bermuda on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

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