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BEL Reports on Belize District Power Outages

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) crews worked late last night into early morning to restore power supply to portions of the Belize District following unplanned power outages during unstable weather conditions.

At 9:51 p.m. on Wednesday, the entire Belize City lost power supply when an interruption occurred on the system, as strong winds caused a piece of equipment to make contact with energized lines at the Magazine Road Substation in Belize City.

BEL immediately dispatched crews to remove and restore the equipment. BEL employees were required to take necessary safety precautions to complete works during the rain, and as a result, power supply was restored to Belize City at 12:31 a.m. today.

At 11:49 p.m. last night, another interruption on the system caused an unplanned power outage in the area from Mile 8 to Mile 35 along the Northern Highway and all villages along the Old Northern Highway. Another BEL crew was deployed to trace the line to identify the cause of the system interruption. By 2:15 a.m., Control Center personnel completed remote restoration of power supply to the affected areas, after confirming with field crews that the cause of the fault was no longer present on the system. BEL crews have been dispatched today to continue investigations into the cause of that unplanned power outage.

BEL thanks customers for their patience while our employees worked to restore the system during these unplanned power outages.

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