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BEL Reports on Belize City Power Outage

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) reports that an unplanned power outage in Belize City yesterday was caused by faulty equipment at the Magazine Road Substation.

Employees at the Magazine Road Substation reported overheating of equipment within the substation which required BEL to interrupt the supply to the substation feeding the entire Belize City at 4:52 p.m. BEL crews immediately commenced extensive troubleshooting of the equipment to determine the cause of the overheating, which was found to be a faulty vacuum switch on the capacitor banks. The capacitor banks help to maintain the quality of voltage on the system.

The faulty vacuum switch and capacitor banks were isolated and at 10:56 p.m. power supply was restored to entire Belize City. BEL crews continued working into the night to replace the vacuum switch and a brief power outage was required shortly before 6:00 a.m. today to reconnect the capacitor banks and to fully restore the system.

BEL apologizes to customers in Belize City for the great inconvenience caused by this unplanned power outage.

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