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BEL Deploys Second Team of Linemen to British Virgin Islands to assist with Ongoing Hurricane Restoration

On Monday, November 6, Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) deployed a second team of five linemen to assist the British Virgin Islands (BVI) Electricity Corporation with ongoing power restoration efforts on the group of islands.

The five BEL linemen are joining teams from member utilities of the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC) in providing support to BVI Electric Corporation with rebuilding its power distribution system.

The team is comprised of Wayne Lewis, Gregory Kerr, Manuel Lopez, Paul McCalla and George Neal, who will be stationed in BVI for four weeks.

The first BEL team of five employees who departed the country in September, arrived in Belize on Tuesday, November 7 after being stationed in Virgin Gorda for six weeks.

“When we arrived on the island, there were no standing utility poles or power lines. We had to salvage and reuse any available material because transporting materials to the island is a big challenge for the utility in BVI,” says Michael Nembhard, BEL Line Supervisor. “I am proud of our team for doing an excellent job, using our training and experience from Belize.”

To date, approximately 25% of BVI’s power system has been restored since the destruction caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in August and September.

BEL thanks our two teams of linemen for their willingness and sacrifice to fulfil the Company’s commitment to our fellow Caribbean utility and nation.

CARILEC is an association of electric services, dealers, manufacturers and other stakeholders operating in the electricity industry in the Caribbean region, Central and South Americas and globally.



BEL’s second team of linemen heading to British Virgin Islands: (above) Wayne Lewis, Gregory Kerr, Paul McCalla and George Neal and the first team assisting with restoration of BVI’s power system.

