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Bahamas Power and Light Company Ltd. (BPL) has completed its investigations into the recent island wide outage as well as an outage that impacted a significant portion of western New Providence earlier this week.

**“A bus bar failure at our Windsor Field Substation was to blame for the outage. The failure was unforeseen as we recently completed thorough assessments of all substations following Hurricane Matthew and problems that were evident, at the time, were addressed,”** BPL's Executive Vice President Kenneth Kociuba explained of Tuesday's (January 17, 2017) partial outage that impacted customers in Western New Providence. Kociuba explains that in response to this outage teams are now conducting a secondary review of all primary substations to assess the functioning of key equipment.

Additionally, BPL experienced a total system shutdown during the early morning on Friday January 13, 2017. An investigation into the shutdown determined that third party damage to an underground cable was directly linked to the total loss of generation, transmission and distribution networks on the island. BPL is now working closely with that third party to review its operations to prevent a similar occurrence.

BPL understands its customers' frustration with regard to outages and have been implementing improvements to increase reliability in New Providence and the Family Islands. These include; making good use of the energy efficient 80 MW of power provided by the Aggreko engines, a new generating plant in Harbour Island, and the ongoing installation of new 33 kV underground cables between Blue Hills Power Station and the Big Pond Substation to increase transmitting capacity.

The company assures customers that further improvements will take place in 2017 and going forward to ensure BPL's delivery of its commitment to provide reliable and affordable power for its customers in New Providence and the Family Islands.

**Bahamas Power and Light Company Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC). BPL, the premier provider of electricity in The Bahamas, operating generation, transmission and distribution systems throughout the archipelagic nation. The company operates 30 generating plants in 25 island locations and has more than 100,000 customers.**