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Mr. Dean Molina
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission

Date: September 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Emergency Generation Procurement Plan, subject to conditions

Dear Chairman Molina,

Having reviewed Belize Electricity Limited's (BEL) Emergency Generation Procurement Plan dated 17 September 2026 (the "Plan"), submitted pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Public Utilities Commission (Request for Proposals) Regulations, 2024, as amended, and in the context of the Public Utilities Commission (Emergency Declaration) Order, 2026 dated 4 September 2026, I hereby approve BEL proceeding with the emergency procurement portfolio identified in Section 6 of the Plan.

Scope of Approval

This approval authorizes BEL, as Single Buyer, to advance the following measures in accordance with the Plan:

- Tier 1 - CIB and Lamanai: immediate advancement under the Emergency Procurement pathway, subject to satisfactory completion of technical, commercial, financial and regulatory due diligence and final contractual terms.
- Tier 2 - Santander: advancement under the Emergency Procurement pathway, subject to Santander's acceptance of the modified pricing arrangement and the applicable terms and conditions of its existing PPA.
- Tier 3 - HydroBelize: no approval to procure at this stage. The proposal shall remain a contingency resource, subject to the conditions below and any further approval required before activation.
- Tier 4 - ASR (BELCOGEN): not approved under the Emergency Procurement pathway and may instead be addressed through the applicable distributed-generation framework.

3. Conditions of Approval

This approval is expressly subject to the following conditions:

1. **Firm-capacity and reserve-margin schedule.** Within fourteen (14) days of this Approval, BEL shall provide to the Ministry and the PUC a month-by-month schedule covering January 2027 through December 2029 showing forecast peak demand, dependable domestic generation, assumed CFE availability, BESS dependable contribution, capacity surplus/deficit and reserve margin.
2. **Extended security-of-supply stress testing.** BEL shall supplement the Plan's evening CFE-curtailement stress test with scenarios involving extended CFE unavailability, including 12-hour and

24-hour outages and, where technically appropriate, multi-day constraints. BEL shall also test combined contingencies involving reduced hydro availability, BAPCOL unavailability and constrained BESS state of charge/charging availability.

3. **Binding delivery and performance protections.** The final arrangements for CIB and Lamanai shall include clear commercial-operation dates and staged delivery milestones, appropriate completion and performance security, commissioning and acceptance testing requirements, minimum availability/performance obligations and appropriate contractual consequences for material delay or underperformance.
4. **Protection of the February-April 2027 transition period.** BEL shall maintain an executable contingency for the period immediately following the assumed February 2027 expiry of the temporary rental diesel generation. The existing emergency bridge shall not be retired solely because its contractual term has expired where adequate replacement capacity has not been commissioned, tested and demonstrated to be dependable. Any extension or replacement measure shall remain subject to applicable approvals and value-for-money considerations.
5. **Contingency trigger.** HydroBelize, or another technically and commercially suitable contingency resource, can be reviewed earlier than Month 5 where there is material slippage in Tier 1 delivery, deterioration in the system adequacy outlook, or other circumstances that materially increase the risk of supply shortfall. Activation shall require the applicable further approvals and alignment with the approved commercial framework.
6. **Monthly implementation reporting.** BEL shall submit a concise monthly implementation report to the Ministry and the PUC covering, at minimum, project financing, permits and licences, equipment manufacture/delivery, civil works, interconnection, battery delivery, commissioning, firm/dependable capacity, reserve margin, CFE exposure, contingency status and projected Cost of Power impact.
7. **Commercial-framework consistency.** Before execution of final contracts, BEL shall reconcile and clearly state the minimum BESS duration applicable to the availability-payment framework, including the relationship between the Plan's stated minimum four-hour benchmark and the five-hour BESS configurations proposed for the Tier 1 projects. Any material departure from the standardized commercial framework shall be specifically identified and justified.
8. **No displacement of other legal requirements.** This Approval does not constitute or replace any PUC licence, consent or determination, environmental or other permit, interconnection approval, statutory authorization, or final contractual approval required under applicable law. BEL should ensure that all such requirements are satisfied before the relevant project is placed into commercial operation.
9. **Preservation of long-term procurement strategy.** The emergency procurement shall remain a time-bound bridge and shall not displace or prejudice the larger IFI-supported generation, storage, transmission or other long-term sector projects. BEL shall continue to plan for adequate firm capacity and reserve margin beyond the emergency period.
10. **Material changes.** Any material change to project capacity, storage duration, commercial pricing structure, delivery date, counterparty, procurement tier or other substantive term forming the basis of this Approval shall be promptly disclosed to the Ministry and, where required by law or the terms of the Emergency Declaration, submitted for further approval before commitment.

4. Implementation Priority

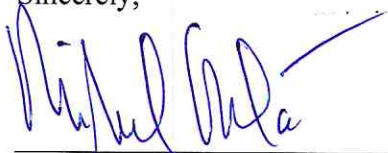
BEL is directed to give priority to the resources that can provide the earliest dependable capacity at a competitive cost and to manage the procurement so that the transition from temporary emergency generation does not create an avoidable reliability gap. Particular attention shall be given to the period

from February through April 2027 and to the availability of storage during the evening peak when imported supply may be constrained.

5. Effect of Approval

This Approval permits BEL to proceed with the emergency procurement measures described above, subject to the stated conditions. It should not be construed as a guarantee of project completion, a determination of final tariff treatment, or a waiver of any statutory or regulatory requirement. BEL remains responsible for prudent procurement, technical due diligence, system integration, contractual risk allocation and ongoing security-of-supply planning.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics