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On Tuesday 23rd August at approximately 10PM a lightning strike damaged a 69KV line within the Crabbs to Cassada Gardens circuit. At the time of the incident the Crabbs to Lavington 69KV circuit was undergoing maintenance. This maintenance work left the Crabbs to Cassada Gardens circuit as the sole circuit for all electricity transmission, which caused a system wide outage. System restoration began shortly after midnight once the fault had been identified and isolated. Despite only having the capacity to carry 30MW of electricity all feeders were closed by 6AM on Wednesday 24th August.

The maintenance work on the Crabbs to Lavington 69KV circuit will be postponed in order to assist in exporting electricity from Crabbs. The restoration of this circuit is estimated to be completed by 4PM. Due to the damage from last night's lightning strike the Crabbs to Cassada Garden circuit can only maintain 30MW of electricity. Antigua will experience a short period of load shedding until 4PM when the Crabbs to Lavington 69KV circuit is restored.

APUA would like to thank all their consumers for their patience and understanding.

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