

Resolutions

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and development, and the cycle of persistent poverty, and provide all Belizeans with an opportunity for a better life.

3. RESOLUTION ON CHALILLODAM PROJECT:

The People's United Party:-
NOTES:

(i) that Belize Electricity Limited, the sole provider of electrical energy in Belize receives some 52% of its energy supply from Mexico, 8% from diesel generating plants and 40% from the Mollejon Hydro Plant in western Belize;

(ii) The development of the Macal River has been identified as the best

available energy source to pursue to make Belize self-sufficient. The hydro potential of the river is estimated to be 600MW compared to Belize's present peak demand of 45MW;

(iii) The proposed storage dam at Chalillo is designed to create a storage facility upstream on the Macal River so that the use of water can be better managed to create electrical energy;

(iv) The storage capacity at Chalillo would be some 120 million cubic meters. The Chalillo dam site is some 12km downstream from the confluence of the Macal and Raspaculo rivers, and is situated in the western part of the Maya Mountains. The reservoir would flood some 9.5 sq. km of land which is less than 1/25th of 1% of Belize's total land area.

THE CHALILLO PROJECT

The Chalillo Project will:-

- (i) help to reduce the cost of electrical power in Belize;
- (ii) result in a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and environmental damage from potential oil spills as Belize reduces its dependence on fossil fuels;
- (iii) help to manage the Macal River

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which is prone to flash floods with devastating economic consequences to residents along the river and in towns downstream;

(iv) provide extra capacity to meet Belize's ever growing energy demands.

WELCOMES, SUPPORTS AND ENDORSES Government's commitment to work with Belize Electricity Limited to ensure that the Chalillo Dam Project becomes a reality.

URGES Belize Electricity limited to

take immediate steps to ensure early implementation of the Chalillo Dam Project without further delay.