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Fortis Turks and Caicos Restoring Electricity Service to Customers after Hurricane Ike

Fortis Turks and Caicos, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fortis Inc. (TSX:FTS), is working to restore service to its customers who were impacted by Hurricane Ike, a category 4 hurricane that struck Turks and Caicos Islands over the weekend.

Fortis Turks and Caicos serves more than 9,000 customers, or 85 per cent of electricity consumers on the Turks and Caicos Islands. It owns and operates an integrated electricity system providing for the generation and distribution of energy on Providenciales, North Caicos, Middle Caicos and South Caicos, with the load on Providenciales normally accounting for 80% of the total.

The assets of Fortis Turks and Caicos are approximately \$140 million, representing approximately 1% of the total assets of Fortis.

Management of Fortis Turks and Caicos report that there does not appear to be any substantial damage to its generating facilities. Many of the utility's major customers on Providenciales remain operational and capable of receiving electricity service, and current demand is approximately 40% of normal. Electricity service has been restored to the hospital, water treatment plant and airport.

Fortis has mobilized its Hurricane Response team to assist Fortis Turks and Caicos in restoring electricity service to its customers as soon as possible. Approximately 30 engineers, technicians and line crew from other Fortis utilities are preparing to leave for Turks and Caicos Islands. A major focus for this group will be to restore electricity service to customers on the islands of North Caicos, Middle Caicos and South Caicos, which were the service areas most impacted by Hurricane Ike. Fortis has extended an offer to the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands to assist with electricity service restoration efforts on islands not served by Fortis Turks and Caicos.

Fortis Turks and Caicos expects to have electricity service restored within three weeks to all of its customers on Providenciales who are capable of receiving service and within six weeks to its customers on other islands.

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