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BELCO Press Response to 'Pati disclosure from DENR' – 7 October 2025

BELCO President Wayne Caines said: “The Department of Energy and Natural Resources’ (DENR) purpose is to protect Bermuda’s environment and responsibly manage its natural resources. DENR holds Bermuda Electric Light Company (BELCO) accountable by monitoring our operations, investigating complaints, and providing technical oversight to ensure BELCO meets regulatory standards under the Clean Air Act 1991 and Water Resources Act 1975. We work closely with the DENR through monthly reports to the Environmental Authority—the statutory board established under these Acts—as well as annual compliance reviews and immediate notifications when required under our Operating Licence conditions.

The approximately 600 hours referenced in the PATI disclosure is an estimation. These estimated hours are spread across five years and reflect the comprehensive oversight required for Bermuda’s largest industrial facility. This time is not solely spent monitoring pollution—it encompasses ensuring BELCO remains compliant across all aspects of our operations, including routine monitoring, water quality testing, reviewing reports, conducting site inspections, complaint investigations, and consultation on operational improvements.

Regarding the three incidents referenced:

Fuel odours from tanks along St. John’s Road: From November 2021 to June 2024, we addressed complaints about fuel odours from passive vents by installing activated carbon filters, diverted some operations, and redirected vents.

Large-particle soot from North Power Station engines: Since October 2021, we have implemented multiple technical solutions to address soot emissions during engine startups.

Exhaust fume downdrafting to Ocean Lane and Whitney Avenue: Air quality monitoring from October 2020 to June 2022 identified downdrafting impacts during certain wind conditions which is due to the topography around the location of the power plant. We



demonstrated compliance with proposed Clean Air Regulation Amendments by switching from heavy fuel oil to lower-sulphur road diesel fuel when necessary.

BELCO remains committed to environmental protection, transparency, and working collaboratively with DENR, the Environmental Authority, and the community to ensure our operations meet the highest environmental standards.”

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About BELCO

Bermuda Electric Light Company Limited (BELCO) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Liberty Group Limited. Liberty Group Limited is a Bermuda-based, provider of energy and energy-related services, owned by Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. (Algonquin), also parent company of Liberty Power and Liberty Utilities. BELCO was established in 1904 as Bermuda’s sole supplier of electricity and currently operates generating plant and transmission and distribution systems to service 36,000 metered connections. For further information about BELCO visit www.belco.bm