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Where does the energy in Belize come from?

Almost half the energy in Belize comes from hydroelectric power and biomass. BEL purchases 71.5% of its electricity from five domestic independent power producers (IPPs) which produce much of the remaining energy--about 55.6%--of all the electrical needs of the country, and about 40% from a Mexican government-owned electric utility.

How much does electricity cost in Belize?

Belize's utility rates are approximately \$0.22 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), lower than the Caribbean regional average of \$0.33/kWh because of existing renewable energy projects, but still high compared with U.S. mainland rates.

How many kilowatts can a private company generate in Belize?

Private entities are allowed to generate up to 75 kilowatts of power, after which licensing requirements apply. Almost half the energy in Belize comes from hydroelectric power and biomass.

Who owns Belize Electricity Limited (BEL)?

95% by 2030 Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) distributes electricity throughout the country. It is owned by the government of Belize (70.2%), the Social Security Board (26.9%), and approximately 1,500 shareholders (2.9%) and is regulated by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

How can Belize achieve a low-carbon community by 2033?

This strategy establishes a framework for transitioning Belize's energy sector and recommends programs and action plans for achieving a low-carbon community by 2033 through improved energy efficiency and conservation measures as well as increased development of the country's renewable energy resources.

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Belize U.S. Department of Energy Energy Snapshot Population Size 383,071 Total Area Size 22,970 Sq. Kilometers Total GDP \$1.87 Billion Gross National Income (GNI) per Capita \$4,470 Share of GDP Spent on Imports 58% Fuel Imports 1.5% Urban Population Percentage 46% ... Energy Storage Rebates ...

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