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In a Sept. 29 radio broadcast, Economy Minister Arturo Zablah announced that soaring oil prices may result in a cutback on electricity services, and a gasoline price hike. The minister also called on the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) to cease attacks on sub-stations and power lines, emphasizing that the sabotage was costing the government 459,000 barrels of oil per month. According to Col. Sigifredo Ochoa Perez, president of the Rio Lempa Hydro-Electric Executive Commission (CEL), rebel sabotage of the electricity grid costs the government an average \$32,000 per incident. [Basic data from Prensa Latina (Cuba), 09/29/90]

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