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On Sept. 17, Francis Barillas, director of the state-run electricity company, told reporters that power rationing would continue until December. He said electricity generators being repaired in the US, as well as a new generator supplied by the US, would be operational at that time. Chamber of Industries (CIG) director Edgardo Ruiz said rationing had thus far cost domestic businesses \$20 million in financial losses. He added that reduction in electricity distribution could result in layoffs in several industries, including food processing, agro-chemicals and textiles. On Sept. 18, CIG president Carlos Vielman called on the government to reduce the price on diesel fuel, eliminate tariffs and other import restrictions on electricity generation equipment. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 09/17/91, 09/18/91)

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