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On Oct. 24, Energy Minister Emilio Rappaccioli told reporters that electricity rationing had been suspended. Rappaccioli said recent rainfall had raised the water level of Laguna de Apanas which feeds two hydroelectric plants accounting for 30% of the nation's electricity. Next, the minister reported that repairs of the nation's thermoelectric plants and distribution lines are underway. The repair program was financed by loans from the governments of Canada, Spain, and Sweden; the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); and, the Central American Economic Integration Bank (BCIE). Rappaccioli said Nicaragua will purchase 40 million kilowatt hours for US\$4 million from Costa Rica over the rest of the year. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 10/24/91)

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