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## Grand Bahama Hardening Its Grid with RS's Composite Poles

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"The RStandard pole was the best solution for this job because its polyurethane construction can withstand the UV and hurricane exposure of the Bahamian environment," stated Tim Bell, president of Barkley Technologies, the design engineers for the project. "The RStandard nesting modular design provided logistics savings and its PLS-CADD compatibility enabled in-depth analysis, which was critical for the hybrid, concrete-filled solution being utilized. In addition, this hybrid solution allows Grand Bahama Power the ability to use existing equipment to build the line, thus providing significant savings for the utility and its ratepayers."

"The deployment in the Grand Bahama of our highly robust RStandard composite poles using this innovative engineering approach demonstrates the versatility and cost effectiveness of our product," said Paul Giannelia president and chief executive officer of RS. "We have every confidence these poles will contribute to improving our customer's overall grid reliability, and our new lifetime guarantee assures our customers that they can depend on our RStandard poles to stand up to the harshest climatic conditions."