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BEL Moves to Stop Dangerous Illegal Connections & Illegal Redistributing of Power

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) advises that it is unsafe and illegal to redistribute or resell power acquired from the Company. BEL cautions that meter tampering, power diversion and unauthorized installations can result in electric shock or electrocution.

BEL has been responding to numerous reports of meter tampering, dangerous and illegal service connections. Service connections that are illegally supplying electricity to other residences, contrary to the Company's distribution standards and policy, creates a serious safety risk and where the Company finds persons engaged in such illegal practice the person at fault is given an appropriate period to discontinue the practice. Failure to correct the illegal connection results in disconnection of power from the premises.

Redistributing power from ones premise can result in overloads to electrical circuits and service drops, which poses a fire hazard. In addition, power lines lying on the ground or propped up on substandard poles exposes the public to electrical shock.

The safe use of electricity is a serious concern. BEL will continue to ensure that electrical equipment on or around a meter is not tampered with or used illegally. Persons requiring power supply are asked to visit any BEL office countrywide.

The Company appeals to the public to report all cases of power theft or improper installation of electrical supply by calling toll free at 0-800-BEL-CARE or 0-800-235-2273.

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