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### **BEL Addresses Incidents of Copper Wire Theft from Power Supply Equipment**

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) advises the general public that it has received an increasing number of reports of copper wire theft from its power supply equipment and is asking anyone with information on these incidents to report it to the Police Department or the Company.

Persons involved in these criminal activities are not only damaging essential equipment necessary in providing reliable power supply to BEL customers but are also putting themselves at risk of being seriously injured or electrocuted.

In June 2006, two men were electrocuted at a substation in the Corozal District after gaining unauthorized access to the property. They were discovered in contact with the ground wire leading from the transformer. This tragic incident highlighted the dangers associated with tampering with BEL equipment and the Company is appealing to those persons currently involved in this practice to desist immediately.

Anyone with information on these criminal and unsafe activities is asked to contact the nearest Police Station or BEL at 0-800-BEL-CARE (0800-235-2273.)

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