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BEL to Review PUC's Amendment to the 2012 - 2013 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) advises that it is currently reviewing the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) Amendment to the **2012 - 2013 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision**, following BEL's submission earlier this month on Cost of Power increases since July 2012.

The Company notes that the PUC is proposing an increase in the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) of 16.9 per cent. This is as a result of the 47 per cent increase in cost of power when compared to the reference cost of power for the Annual Tariff Period 2012 - 2013 that was approved by the PUC.

While the Company further reviews the amendment, customers are encouraged to practice energy conservation at home and work. Below are a few energy saving tips:

- Turn off any lights you do not need.
- Use compact fluorescent light (CFL) and light emitting diode (LED) bulbs. CFLs and LED bulbs burn up to 75 and 85 per cent less electricity, respectively than regular incandescent light bulbs.
- Do not put your refrigerator or freezer next to a cooker, stove, oven or in the sun.
- Load and unload your refrigerator as quickly as possible. Do not leave the refrigerator door open for longer than you need.
- Never put hot food in a refrigerator or freezer. Let it cool first.
- Always try to put a full load of laundry into your washing machine or tumble dryer.
- If the weather is fine, dry your laundry outside instead of in a clothes dryer.
- Do as much clothes ironing as possible in one session.

Visit the Company's website at www.bel.com.bz and listen to our energy saving tips being aired on the radio and television for more practical ways you can save money by saving energy.

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