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### **BEL's Appeal Upheld; New hearing to be held by Court of Appeal**

At the close of the first sitting for 2010, the Honourable Justices of the Court of Appeal have upheld Belize Electricity Limited's (BEL) appeal for a re-trial of an appeal against the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The Court also ruled that the PUC should pay BEL's legal cost.

Through its attorneys Queen's Counsel Vincent Nelson and Anthony Sylvestre, BEL had asserted that Justice Denys Barrow should have recused himself from hearing a case between BEL and the PUC, because of an appearance of bias.

Today's ruling means that a new panel of judges, that do not include Justice Barrow, will be convened to rehear the matter between the PUC and BEL.

The panel of judges who ruled on BEL's application was President Elliot Mottley and Justices Boyd Carey and Manuel Sosa. The PUC was represented by Senior Counsel Derek Courtenay and Vanessa Retreage.

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