

Press release

Kigali- 24th January 2019, Rwanda Energy Group (REG) condemns theft of electricity as it causes both revenue losses and/or fatal accidents. It is also punishable by the law N°52/2018 of 13/08/2018 modifying Law N°21/2011 of 23/06/2011 governing electricity in Rwanda as modified to date.

REG is committed to ensure affordable and reliable electricity supply while improving the service delivery. As of today, Rwanda has an installed capacity of **221.1MW** and more than **1.34 million** Rwandan households have access to electricity. By the year 2024, Government of Rwanda is targeting a **100% access** to electricity while the generation capacity will be increased up to 556 MW.

Nevertheless, commercial electricity losses are still high with a percentage of around **6.5%** of the electricity generated in the country and out of which a big percentage emanates from electricity theft.

In a bid to fight against electricity theft that is causing most of the company's losses, REG has embarked on a series of campaigns to fight and discourage fraudulent connections. From January to date this operation has covered **14 districts**. Most electrical theft crimes occur through meter tampering, bypassing meters, and tapping power lines. Others include tapping into neighboring premises as well as using illegal lines.

Findings from these two month's inspection operations, have exposed a total of **28 customers from 9 different districts caught red-handed stealing electricity**. These include individual households, small businesses, hotels, milling machines, bars/restaurants, and industries. The amount of electricity stolen by these customers was evaluated to around **1.9 billion Frw**.

Power theft carries deadly risks and is not dangerous for only those who steal but it also affects the entire electricity network causing frequent outages and voltage drops.

Therefore, Rwanda Energy Group management request the collaboration of the public in the fight against theft of electricity and other malpractices destroying energy infrastructure, by calling REG toll free number 3535 or informing nearest security organs and REG nearest branch.

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ITANGAZO RIGENEWE ABANYAMAKURU

Kigali, kuwa 24 Mutarama 2019, Sosiyete y'u Rwanda Ishinzwe Ingufu (REG) iramagana ubujura bw'amashanyarazi kuko buteza igihombo cy'amafaranga ndetse n'impanuka zavamo urupfu. Ubu bujura kandi ni icyaha gihanwa n'Itegeko N°52/2018 ryo ku wa 13/08/2018 rihindura itegeko N° 21/2011 ryo kuwa 23/06/2011 rigenga amashanyarazi mu Rwanda nk'uko ryahinduwe kugeza ubu.

REG yiyemeje gutanga amashanyarazi yizewe kandi ahendutse ndetse no kurushaho kunoza serivisi itanga. Kugeza ubu, REG ifite ubushobozi bwo gutanga amashanyarazi agera kuri **Megawati 221.1** mu gihe ingo zisaga Miliyoni **1.34** zifite amashanyarazi. Bitarenze umwaka wa 2024, Guverinoma y'u Rwanda yihaye intego yo kuba yagejeje amashanyarazi ku Baturarwanda bose naho amashanyarazi nayo akiyongera ku ngano ya **Megawati 556**.

N'ubwo REG ikomeje kugenda igera ku ntego zayo, haracyari igihombo gikomoka ku muriro ucuruzwa gisaga 6.5% giterwa ahanini n'abiba amashanyarazi.

Ni muri urwo rwego REG yashyizeho gahunda yo kurwanya no guca ubu bujura. Guhera mu Kuboza umwaka ushize, REG yakoze ubugenzuzi mu turere 14 igamije gufata abiba amashanyarazi. Akenshi abiba bacokoza mubazi (konteri), bagacisha intsinga zizana amashanyarazi hirya ya mubazi, cyangwa bakiha amashanyarazi bafatiye ku miyoboro ya REG. Abandi biha amashanyarazi bafatiye ku ngo z'abaturanyi cyangwa bakiyubakira imiyoboro itemewe.

Ibyavuye mu bugenzuzi REG yakoze, byerekanye ko mu mezi abiri **abafatabuguzi 28 mu turere 9 ari bo bafatiye mu cyaho biba amashanyarazi**. Abo bagizwe n'ingo, ubucuruzi buciriritse, amahoteli, ibyuma bisya, utubari, amaresitora n'inganda. Aba bafashwe bari bamaze kwiba amashanyarazi abarirwa kuri Miliyari **1,9 Frw**.

Ubwo bujura bw'umuriro bushobora guteza impanuka zitwara ubuzima bw'abantu zikangiza n'ibintu kandi bugatera ibura rya hato na hato ry'umuriro.

Kubera iyo mpamvu, Ubuyobozi Bukuru bwa REG burasaba abaturage bose ubufatanye mu kurwanya ubujura no kwangiza ibikorwaremezo by'amashanyarazi. Mwahamagara umuyoboro wa REG utishyuzwa 3535 cyangwa mukamenyesha inzego z'umutekano n'ishami rya REG ribegereye.

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