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Public safety within the electricity grid

The Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) has issued electricity safety rules to promote safety of the persons in the vicinity of an electricity network. The rules highlight procedures that the public are to undertake when working or living near an electricity network. The rules also define safety parameters that the public must respect to avoid being harmed by electric shocks and other possible electricity-related dangers.

“Over the last year there have been several cases where construction near the electricity grid has threatened the safety of the public. These rules have been established to reduce such threats” said Romney Marum who is the manager responsible for the URA Engineering and Consumer Care Division. Mr. Marum also acknowledged the assistance of VUI and UNELCO in compiling the rules. The URA worked closely with electricity utilities and related entities to ensure that the standards were practical for the electricity grids in Vanuatu and in line with international standards.

The URA invites the public to download a copy of the rules from the URA website www.ura.gov.vu, from its offices at the corner of Pierre Lamy and Andre Ballande Streets, behind the VNPF building, or from your nearest electricity utility office. The URA can be contacted by phone on 23335 or at info@ura.gov.vu.