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Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica Addresses Low-Hanging Cables Affecting Garbage Removal

Kingston, Jamaica – January 13, 2025 – The Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica (BCJ) has taken immediate action following a TVJ news report regarding low-hanging cables creating an obstacle for garbage removal in the Barker District, New Green, Mandeville in Manchester.

In response, the BCJ's Executive Director, Cordel Green, says the Commission has directed cable operators in the community to address the situation within 48 hours.

He said the BCJ will deploy a technical team to the area for an on-the-ground assessment. The team will evaluate the situation and report on whether the issues raised in the report have been effectively resolved. The Commission will also determine whether regulatory sanctions should be applied.

Under the Television and Sound Broadcasting Regulations, regulation 19.1 states that cables which are used for the provision of subscriber television service shall:

- ... (b) where such cables are attached to a utility pole, be placed not less than 1 metre below any secondary power

line and not less than 6 metres above any road as defined in the Main Roads Act;

- ...c) where such cables are placed across a private roadway or gateway, be placed not less than 5 metres above the highest point on such roadway or gateway.

The BCJ remains dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of public service and ensuring that infrastructure issues like these are dealt with promptly to avoid disruption to essential services.

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