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**FBI and ATF Announce Up to \$25,000 Reward for Information Regarding
Keo Power Station Arson and Two Other Power Grid Attacks**

Little Rock – Randall C. Coleman, Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the State of Arkansas, and Grover Crossland, Resident Agent in Charge (RAC), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) for the State of Arkansas, announced a reward up to \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the following incidents:

In the early morning hours of September 29, 2013, officials with Entergy Arkansas reported a fire at its Keo substation located on Arkansas Highway 165 between Scott and England in Lonoke County. Fortunately, there were no injuries and no reported power outages. Investigation has determined that the fire, which consumed the control house at the substation, was intentionally set. The person or persons responsible for this incident inscribed a message on a metal control panel outside the substation which reads, "YOU SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED U.S." We are releasing a photograph of this message.

Earlier this morning, officials with First Electric Cooperative reported that two of its power poles located near the 1400 block of Robin Road, behind the McBride

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Subdivision in Lonoke County, were intentionally cut. A power outage resulted which affected approximately 10,000 customers in the Cabot area.

The FBI, ATF, Lonoke County Sheriff's Office, and Cabot Police Department, in coordination with Entergy Arkansas and First Electric Cooperative, are investigating these incidents, including the possibility that they are related, and that they are related to the intentionally-downed high-voltage transmission line in Cabot on August 21, 2013.

We are releasing a photo of an item recovered near the scene of the downed Cabot transmission line. This image depicts a cable with an attached eyebolt that was connected to the tower by the subject(s) in an attempt to utilize a moving train to bring down the tower. We believe this cable, which shows signs of use and wear, could have been surplus, salvaged, or even stolen. The diameter of this cable measures one-half inch, and the attached eyebolt is 15 inches long. We believe that someone may recognize this cable and encourage anyone with information about this item to contact us.

Though we remain confident that we will identify the person or persons responsible for these incidents, we are enlisting the public's help to be our eyes and ears. We take threats to our power grid very seriously. With the media's help, we feel certain that the public will play a vital role in helping us bring those responsible for these incidents to justice.

We are asking for anyone who may have any information that might be related to these incidents to contact us at FBI's Little Rock Field Office at (501) 221-9100 or Little.Rock@ic.fbi.gov. Regardless of how insignificant you think your information might be, or whether you think we already are aware of it, we strongly encourage you to come forward, as we want to hear your information. Sometimes even the most minor detail can assist investigators and public safety officials.

We remind the public of the reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for these incidents

