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The Houston Housing Authority Statement on Electrocution Incident at Cuney Homes

December 27, 2024 – The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) is deeply saddened to report an incident at Cuney Homes, where a young boy was electrocuted today after coming into contact with a live wire near Building 50.

Preliminary findings indicate that the child, a resident of Cuney Homes, was swinging on a ground/guide wire. With slack in the wire, it contacted a live wire coming from a transformer which caused the boy to be electrocuted. The child was taken to the hospital for medical attention, and the Houston Fire Department (HFD) was on site to assist.

Following the incident, CenterPoint Energy promptly responded and disconnected the power for Buildings 49, 50, and 58. The wiring in question was identified as belonging to Acuity Electric (AQE). HHA maintenance staff immediately contacted AQE, who was also on site at Cuney Homes to address the situation. In coordination, CenterPoint has contacted an electrical contractor to provide additional support, if needed.

HHA is awaiting the official incident report and continues to work closely with emergency responders to understand the circumstances and conditions surrounding this incident. The safety and well-being of residents is HHA's highest priority.

HHA does not have information on the condition of the boy currently. But the entire organization's thoughts and prayers are with the child and his family during this difficult time.

For more information, please contact media@housingforhouston.com.