### LITY THEFT



### **Utility Thieves** Steal from PWC, You & Me **Help Us** Stop Them!

Utility theft - using utility services without paying for them (through your own connections or someone else's) - is a crime! An expensive crime. Nationwide, an estimated

\$6 billion is stolen from utility companies each year. And PWC will spend about \$250,000 in the next few years dealing with utility theft.

PWC has developed an aggressive Loss Control Program to identify, detect, control and prevent utility theft. We're working closely with law enforcement to prosecute those who steal our utility services. And we're asking for your help. If you suspect utility theft, you can report it by calling 223-4088. You'll have the option of leaving a message on our Theft Hotline or speaking to one of our investigators in person. Any information you provide will remain completely anonymous.

Generally categorized as a Class I misdemeanor, utility theft can result in heavy fines and/or jail time for those convicted. In some cases, it can be tried as a felony.

# But there are other consequences from utility theft. Consequences that affect us all.

- When people steal our utilities, it can lead to higher rates for all of our customers.
- Frequently, the act of stealing utilities creates a fire hazard, which puts anyone nearby at risk for property damage, injury or even death.

Joining the fight against utility theft could save you money on future utility bills – and eliminate the dangers of a fire hazard.

## Utility Theft Hotline 223-4088



#### **Customer Service**

483-1382

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, excluding holidays 1-877-Our PWC1 • 24-Hour Emergency

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