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Via Email

Jeffery Goldthorp
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Re: Copper Theft Deterrent Best Practice

Dear Jeff:

The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Network Reliability Steering Committee has developed a new industry Best Practice aimed at deterring the theft of copper cables. The NRSC is submitting this Best Practice for possible adoption by the Commission's Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC).

Best Practice: Network Operators, Equipment Suppliers and Property Managers should consider marking or modifying copper bars and cable to deter theft, to make them easier to identify at scrap yards, and/or to reduce their value.

Reference Section: This may include stamping copper ground bars with "Registered Property" and "Recycling Prohibited", tinning copper ground bars or coating them with cold galvanizing spray, and marking cable with identifying markings.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Thomas Goode
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cc: John Healy, Associate Division Chief, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division