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DATE: 08/06/2005	esaa NUMBER: 05/2005
DATE OF INCIDENT: 5/05/2005	ALINTA NUMBER: 2005 – 003

Brief description of accident/incident (include voltage):

Whilst undertaking planned construction work, an Alinta work crew were lowering the High and Low Voltage (HV/LV) conductors from a strain pole, which then altered the load characteristics on the adjacent pole. After a short period of time (approx 2 - 5min) this increased sideways load resulted in the pole breaking and falling on to a contractors Pole Erection Recovery Unit vehicle (PERU).



Extent of injury/damage:

No injuries
HV/LV intermediate pole snapped off at base.
Contractor PERU sustained damage to the cabin of the truck.

Local action taken:

- An investigation commenced by Alinta

Additional comments:

Industry personnel are reminded:

- Risks and Hazards shall be assessed and documented prior to the lowering of conductors.
- Temporary supporting of poles to be considered prior to the lowering of conductors. Taking into consideration: -
 - Age of the pole
 - Condition of the base of the pole
 - Increased force on adjacent poles
 - The support of the conductors

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