

TXUAUSTRALIA SAFETYGRAM

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DATE: 10/02/03	TXUAUSTRALIA SAFETYGRAM
DATE OF INCIDENT: 08/01/03	REPORTED BY: Dave Harden

Details of Incident:

Work party had instruction to carry out transfers of existing substations and tee off conductors from existing top circuit 22Kv feeder to newly constructed bottom circuit 22Kv feeder. To perform work an Access Permit was required on the section of existing tee off line being transferred after a glove and barrier crew disconnected the tee off. The operator was required to confirm the status of the new feeder conductors at the point of work, attach E&S/C's and issue the Access Permit.

The operator issued the Access Permit without isolation the tee off conductors and the work party accepted the permit.

Extent of injury/damage:

A linesman ascended the first pole from the tee off and brushed the overhead line and suffered burns to the arm. Linesman admitted to hospital as a result.

Action taken:

Operator and work party suspended from duties,

Additional comments:

TXU is engaged in evaluating operating procedures and practices.

Severity of incident: Categorised as Potentially Fatal

FATAL: Potential to have caused death
HIGH: Potential to have caused serious injury, permanent disability, ill health or serious damage to plant and equipment.
MEDIUM: Potential to have caused temporary disability or minor damage to plant and equipment.
LOW: Potential to have required minor First Aid.

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