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DATE OF INCIDENT:	14/05/02	UE NUMBER:	2002-005

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Brief description of accident/incident (include voltage):

A company employed by a United Energy contractor were in the process of animal proofing an 11 KV single pole substation, when the United Energy Contract Coordinator and the Contractor Supervisor arrived on site and observed:

- Three sub contractor employees aloft;
- Two sub contractor employees in an EPV approximately 100 - 200mm from the live 11 KV overhead. The two employees were not wearing HV gloves and one person was not wearing HV sleeves. The 3rd crew member was working on the transformer. HV covers were installed on each of the HV conductors.

The crew were requested to come down from the structure to explain their work methods that appeared to be a breach of Glove and Barrier work practices.

After off site investigation/discussions with the crew, it was determined that they had breached standard work practices, involving limits of approach as specified in section 5.2 of the 1999 Green book

Extent of injury/damage:

Nil injury or damage

Local action taken:

- A subsequent contract crew completed the task.
- United Energy and the contractor investigated the incident.
- The subcontractor has been removed from the United Energy Network pending the resolution of a number of action items.

Additional comments:

Industry personnel are reminded:

- To ensure that limits of approach (as per 1999 Greenbook, OCEI Minimum Rules for carrying out live line work in Victoria and the Network operator) are maintained
- That Job Safety Assessments/risk assessments are completed prior to the task commencing and that they detail hazards, control methods and the work practices to be employed
- To appoint a Safety observer (as per 1999 Greenbook)and position at a suitable location to observe the work being performed

