



Safety Advice Bulletin

To: All Networks Personnel Date: 23 July 2002

From: Contracts Administrator File: BH2001/452

Re: Tree Cutting Incident 24 June , 2002

ESAA 33/2002

Brief Description of Incident

On 24 June 2002 , during tree cutting in proximity to live 66KV Transmission lines, a tree being cut by chainsaw dropped onto the conductors causing a trip.

Extent of Damage

No injury was sustained by the contractors' personnel nor damage caused to assets.

Local Action Taken

Work on the line was stopped and PowerWater live line crew in the vicinity offered the contractors' personnel counselling.

Action Taken

A Safety Investigation Committee was formed to investigate this incident and report # BH2001/452 dated 03 July 2002 is on file.

Additional Comments

As per recommendation (1) of the report Northern Utility Services have been requested to incorporate 'local conditions' training with respect to their Tree Cutting Near Powerlines training course.

Ron Smith

Contracts Administrator

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