

**Date Issued:** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Incident Number:** 932652

**Incident Title:** Safety  
Issues with Sub-contractor  
on Site (ICAM 55)

## Event Details:

A PowerNet representative was requested by Downer Ltd to observe their Subcontractor's process for working within 4 metres of PowerNet managed overhead assets. This was to confirm that the protocol was correct following recent Network Access training they had received.

The Subcontractor contacted PowerNet System Control to obtain a Work Authority, however irregularities during this process resulted in the request being declined by the Control Room Operator. In addition the PowerNet representative observing the site identified a number of safety issues, including the potential to breach the 11kV minimum approach distance. The site was shut down due to the existing safety concerns and the incident was reported.

## Why ICAM:

This incident had the potential to cause serious injury or harm. Determining the root cause of these failures allows PowerNet to put adequate systems and practices in place to help our contractors go home unharmed.



## ICAM 55 Outcomes:

1. Review Network Access authorisation and issuing process for contractors to ensure competency is reviewed and approved prior to authorising training.
2. PowerNet to set worksite safety and planning expectations with affected contractors and sub-contractors.

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