



TRANSPOWER



FIRST ALERT

Date 28/08/2014

Distribution line wooden pole snapped

EVENT

Altitude Resurfacing Limited (ARL) Project Manager was supervising a sub-contractor engaged to carry out track repairs on the access track to BEN-HAY-A 1511. The digger operator at the time was pushing soil off to the side of the track when the bucket hooked a guide wire that anchors a wooden distribution power pole, the guide wire was anchored at the side of the access track and the pole was down the bank to the side of the track. Also at the time the sun had caused sun strike on the windscreen of the digger cab as it slewed so this could be confirmed as a contributing factor. The wooden pole attached to the guide wire has snapped at the base but remained suspended and in an upright position with no injuries or other damage occurring.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- The ARL Project Manager immediately shut down the operation and contacted Marlborough Lines who sent a faults technician directly to the site, the site was immediately taken over by Marlborough Lines who are coordinating the replacement of the damaged pole this afternoon.
- An investigation is underway to identify all contributing factors.

- Key learnings to be circulated once all contributing factors have been identified and root cause established.

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