

# INSTRUCTION # AW 009/2012

# **Installation & Replacement of Service Cables**

# A&W Frameworks INTERIM INSTRUCTION

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The following positions must be consulted if an update or review is required:	The following positions must be notified of any authorised change:
District Managers	Network Asset Management Coordinators
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Asset & Works - Capability	Power System Officers
Asset & Works - Compliance	Works Delivery Coordinators
Asset & Works - Processes	



## 1. OVERVIEW

When Customer Service Cables (CUSA's) are installed or replaced they are required to achieve compliance with current Regulations, Codes, Standardards and Instructions. Specific information about the installation, including heights of the services at the point of attachement, is required to be measured and recorded. Records are required so that Horizon Power can understand the level of non compliance, develop and implement solutions. They are also required to demonstrate to regulating authorities that Horizon Power recognise and are managing the issues.

#### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Instruction is to:

- Gather and update CUSA missing records, such as cable installation heights, for CUSA's worked on (new, replacements & alterations) since July 2006.
- ensure ongoing compliance for CUSA's with current Regulations, Codes, Standardards and Instructions for all new, replacement or altered installations.

# 3. Background

A review of CUSA's has shown that from our total population of 18,469 CUSA's a total of 9,161 (50%) have been installed since July 2006 when Horizon Power was formed. Of those installed since July 2006 there are 389 with a recorded Point of Attachment (POA) height less than 2.5 m and 308 with no height recorded equating to 7.6% of the installations.

For these Customer Services Horizon Power cannot demonstrate that the installations are compliance with all current Regulations, Codes, Standardards and Instructions. Figure 1shows the number of CUSA's by town

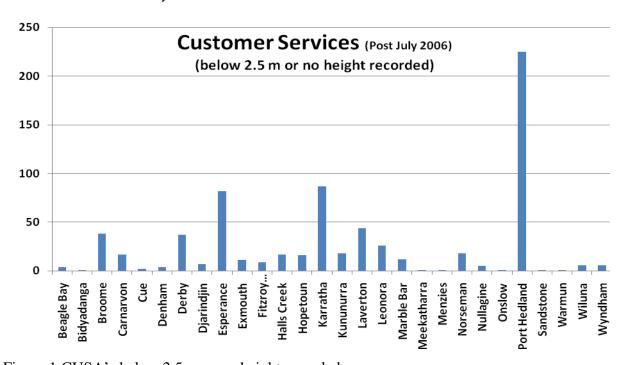


Figure 1:CUSA's below 2.5 m or no height recorded



A review of current Field Instructions (FI's) has found the FI's contain sufficient information for services to be installed correctly to achieve clearance requirements however some improvements to FI's are required. Specific FI's that relate to the installation of CUSA's are:

- FI 5.8 Installation and Replacement of Service Cables- This instruction includes the requirement to complete the CUSA data sheet, included with the LV Connection Test Form, to ensure adequate data gathering and recording of the installations parameters.
- FI 3.17 *Pole & Tower Failures* This instruction includes minimum ground to conductor clearances including Elsewhere (eg PA at house) of 2.7 m.

# 4. Energy Safety

In recent discussions Energy Safety have advised that they are are aware of the difficuilties associated with addressing POA or service leads that are lower than 2.5 m.

Horizon Power have undertaken to identify the extent of the issue and to develop approved Energy Safety remedies.

Works to address low POA's are <u>not</u> to be done until excemptions and remedies are developed, approved and rolled out to the Districts.



#### 5. Instructions

1. Where DFMS records show CUSA service heights are missing for CUSA's, with an installation date post July 2006, measurements are required to be taken and records updated in DFMS.

Required by: WDC's Date Required: 30 Dec 2012

2. Develop a solution to address low (< 2.5 m) MCB's or service cable loops without relocating the MCB.

Required by: A&W Processes Date Required: Dec 2012

Liaise with Energy Safety to gain exemptions and approval for the solution developed by A&W Frameworks.

Required by: A&W Frameworks

Date Required: Dec 2012

# 6. Safety Bulletin

Issue a A&W Capability to issue a Safety Bulletin to:

- 1. Address the requirement to reinforce the requirement to follow FIPSM FI 5.8 *Installation & Replacement of Service Cables* and FI 3.17 *Pole & Tower Failures.*
- Require each District to ensure that data gathered and recorded on CUSA Data Sheets (see reverse side of LV Connection Test Form) during a CUSA installation, alteration or repair is updated into Horizon Power asset data base (currently DFMS) in a timely fashion after the work is completed.
- 3. Update FI 5.8 to include:
  - all Service Cable clearances including the requirements of the WAER for a minimum of
     2.5 m for the MCB or service leads and maximum of 7 m for the POA
  - o allowable service cable span lengths
  - o reference to where the CUSA data sheet can be found

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