# IBEW LOCAL 77 INTEROFFICE MEMO

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DATE: March 3, 2014

TO: Executive Board
Accident Investigators
Exam Board
Staff

FROM: Rick Strait, Business Representative

RE: Preliminary Accident Report

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On Wednesday, February 26, 2014 an accident occurred on Puget Sound Energy's property in Kitsap County Washington. A Potelco crew consisting of four (4) members: 1 Line Foreman, 2 Journeyman Linemen, and 1 Groundman were setting a 45' distribution pole, mid span, under an energized 115kv line, with a double circuit 12,470 volt distribution line attached. The distribution line was covered with line barriers. The transmission line was not spread or covered. While standing the pole up in preparation of moving it in the pole hole, the pole made contact with the 115 kv line. The two journeyman linemen were holding the butt of the pole with peevies. Both journeyman linemen and the groundman were wearing class 2 rubber gloves. The groundman was assisting in controlling the pole butt while wearing his rubber gloves when he slipped, lost his footing and moved the pole top into the energized 115kv phase; he was shocked as a result of the contact. The pole was lowered into the hole. First Aid was initiated and 911 was called. He was taken to a hospital in Gig Harbor; he was later transported by ambulance to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA. He was placed under observation for 24-hours and release after being declared okay on Thursday, February 27th.

Dean Davis has been assigned as the Accident Investigator and will provide a detailed account of the accident upon completion of his investigation.

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