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WORKING SAFELY NEAR METROLINK

1. FOREWORD

In the city of Manchester and in surrounding areas, a light rail rapid transit system (“tramway”) has been developed and constructed over a number of years and its network of lines is subject to continued extension.

The system is known as “Metrolink” and it runs both on streets and in segregated locations (e.g. along the routes of old railway lines). The traction supplies for the trams are fed at 750V dc from overhead wires suspended above the tramlines.

The Metrolink system poses a number of hazards to anyone working in the vicinity and Metrolink have published a guidance document on this subject. This document is available on the Metrolink website using the following URL:-

<http://www.metrolink.co.uk/using-the-network/Pages/working-safely-near-Metrolink.aspx>

2. SCOPE

The scope of this document is to define Electricity North West’s policy with regard to working safely near Metrolink.

3. POLICY

3.1 Street running sections

3.1.1 The document “Working safely near Metrolink” defines a hazard zone and the types of work that will require authorisation from Metrolink before proceeding. The document also gives contact details and the procedures to be followed in case of an emergency.

3.1.2 Any work related to Electricity North West’s assets adjacent to street-running sections of Metrolink shall not commence until a suitable risk assessment has been undertaken and, where the work falls within the scope of the “Working safely near Metrolink” document, then all of Metrolink’s requirements related to authorisation and agreed methods of working shall be complied with.

3.2 Segregated sections

3.2.1 Where access is required to segregated sections of Metrolink to carry out work on Electricity North West’s assets, then Metrolink shall be contacted using the details in the “Working safely near Metrolink” document in order to agree safe working procedures, authorisations, etc.

3.2.2 Where work on Electricity North West’s assets is proposed adjacent to a segregated section of Metrolink, then a risk assessment shall be undertaken to determine whether Metrolink poses any form of hazard to the work (or vice-versa), in which case Metrolink shall be contacted as above.

4. DOCUMENTS REFERENCED

Metrolink document “Working safely near Metrolink”

5. KEYWORDS

Construction, Excavation, Hazard, NRSWA, Safety

