

Bison 4 Overhead Line Incident Report

Case No. PU-13-127

On September 1, 2014 crews were relocating a rubber tired crane when it hit the neutral conductor on a 7200 volt distribution line. No one was injured, no one lost power, and Rough Rider Cooperative made repairs within 2 hours of the incident.

The following information is from the internal incident report:

During the process of operating the Vi ant 880E RT crane performing a mobilizing from site T-424 to T-414 the crane boom made contact with the neutral 7200V (7.2 KV) single phase overhead power line. No Injury. Equipment was in good working order with no deficiencies windows were clean. Operator had turned off the crane functions. The operators inattention to the task and not following instructions of the spotter caused the incident. 6 witnesses heard the instructions of the spotter on the radio clearly stating "boom down" and warning of power line ahead.

The crane operator is no longer employed at the work site.