Conductor Safety Policy

A. This policy shall apply to any person who is to be working on live conductors, or any conductor which may potentially become live under any reasonably possible circumstance.

B. Each person shall obtain the direct knowledge that their supervisor or other representative has contacted the City of Columbus, Division of Power, Central Dispatch Center (CDC) at 645-7627 and has:

1. Given the exact location and description of the work to be done. Give the circuit number if known.
2. Identified the Contractor the supervisor and crew properly.
3. Assured that the Division of Power’s Hold Card System has been properly followed. Refer to TDMIS-1604.
4. Not proceeded with the work until specifically notified and approved by the Central Dispatch Center (CDC).
5. Not proceeded with work until contractor personnel has completed attendance in the Contractor Safety Orientation with the Division of Power Safety Supervisor.

C. Each person shall obtain the direct knowledge that an open communication link (radio, telephone, etc.) exists between their immediate supervisor or other representative while the work is in progress and when required by the Central Dispatch Center (CDC).

D. Each person shall obtain the direct knowledge that their supervisor or other representative has notified the Central Dispatch Center (CDC) upon the completion of the work, and that the work is safe for re-energization if the work was de-energized.

E. Each person shall consider the conductors energized immediately upon completion of the above designated notification.

F. Each person shall obtain the direct knowledge that any de-energized conductor is properly grounded before proceeding with the work.

G. Each person shall obtain the direct knowledge that the proper safety equipment, suitable for the work and in proper operating condition, is being used for the work, and that all safety operating techniques are being utilized.

H. Each contractor performing work on any City of Columbus, Division of Power conductor shall be completely familiar with this policy, including the Hold Card System, and shall furnish a COPY OF THIS DIRECTIVE TO EACH WORKER immediately prior to beginning the work.

I. Each contractor performing work on any City of Columbus, Division of Power conductor shall ascertain that each worker involved has the proper qualifications to safely and correctly complete the work, and each person engaged in the work shall be charged with this same obligation.

J. Each person engaged in the work shall conduct themselves in a manner representative of the fact that their work affects the safety of themselves, their co-workers, and the public.

K. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact City of Columbus, Division of Power’s Safety Supervisor at (614) 645-7179 or alternate number (614)774-9979.