

# **THE IPNL DISTRIBUTION SAFETY RULES FOR WORKS ON UNDERGROUND NETWORKS UP TO AND INCLUDING 33KV**

## PREFACE

### IPNL POLICY STATEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF THE MODEL DISTRIBUTION SAFETY RULES PREPARED AND MAINTAINED BY THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ENERGY NETWORKS ASSOCIATION.

Independent Power Networks Ltd. (IPNL) has a duty, under Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, to prepare and issue a general policy statement on health and safety at work, including the organisation and arrangements for carrying out that policy in accordance with such policy statements that have been issued by IPNL.

For particular work associated with IPNLs distribution systems and associated **Plant** and **Apparatus** it is the policy of IPNL that the Model Distribution Safety Rules (MDSRs) as prepared and maintained by the Energy Networks Association Safety, Health and Environment Committee shall form the foundation of IPNLs safety management system supported by IPNL related documents, procedures and risk assessments as necessary to ensure works are carried out safely on the IPNL distribution system. This policy decision has been made in recognition of the fact that people often work across many distribution systems and a common framework that allows co-operation and safe movement of staff and contractors throughout the country will benefit all persons who may be authorised to access the IPNL distribution system.

These IPNL Model Distribution Safety Rules should be read in conjunction with OM/EL/PR/1001 V1 (i.e. The IPNL Approved Procedures associated with the IPNL Distribution Safety Rules). IPNL currently do not operate overhead lines at any voltage level. References in the MDSRs to overhead lines and their associated supporting equipment therefore do not apply directly to the IPNL distribution system but must be adhered to by all authorised personnel required to work near such electrical systems not owned or controlled by IPNL.

These Model Distribution Safety Rules identify the measures to be taken to comply with the duties on IPNL under the relevant statutory provisions in regard to the inherent dangers from distribution systems, **Plant** and **Apparatus**.

These IPNL Model Distribution Safety Rules supersede The IPNL Distribution Safety Rules OM/PO/EL/002 V1.