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Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Names Injured Employees

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) today released names of employees injured in a Friday, April 30, electrical fault associated with a pad-mounted transformer outside of its Allen Street substation.

The injured men are: Steven Hoglin, line crew chief 2; Jeffrey Ohlsson, lineman; and Steven Wahlstrom, electrician.

Hoglin and Ohlsson remain in Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo; while Wahlstrom returned to work on Monday, May 3.

The exact cause of the incident is under investigation by the BPU and is expected to take some time to complete. According to BPU General Manager David Leathers, the nature of the occurrence will be investigated, reviewed and studied to prevent any future such accidents from ever happening again at the BPU or at any utility.

"Our immediate priority on Friday was the health of our injured employees; secondarily, we also worked on getting the electricity back on in the vicinity of the substation and investigating the cause of the accident," noted Leathers.

Leathers said that all three BPU employees involved in the accident are highly-trained individuals with significant experience.

Leathers reported that positive progress is being made by all three employees. "Mr. Wahlstrom was released from Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) on Sunday," he noted, "while Mr. Hoglin and Mr. Ohlsson remain under the care of the Regional Burn Treatment Center at ECMC."