

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT  
PACIFIC OCS REGION

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

For Public Release

1. OCCURRED

DATE: 22-SEP-2012 TIME: 1132 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Beta Operating Company, LLC

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

CONTRACTOR:

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

3. OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR  
ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

4. LEASE: P00300

AREA: LB LATITUDE:

BLOCK: 6438 LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM: ELLY

RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY:  EXPLORATION (POE)

DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION  
(DOCD/POD)

7. TYPE:

HISTORIC INJURY

REQUIRED EVACUATION 1

LTA (1-3 days)

LTA (>3 days)

RW/JT (1-3 days)

RW/JT (>3 days)

Other Injury

FATALITY

POLLUTION

FIRE

EXPLOSION

LWC  HISTORIC BLOWOUT

UNDERGROUND

SURFACE

DEVERTER

SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

COLLISION  HISTORIC  >\$25K  <=\$25K

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

CRANE

OTHER LIFTING DEVICE

DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.

INCIDENT >\$25K

H2S/15MIN./20PPM

REQUIRED MUSTER

SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE

OTHER ELECTRICAL W/INJURY

6. OPERATION:

PRODUCTION

DRILLING

WORKOVER

COMPLETION

HELICOPTER

MOTOR VESSEL

PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.

OTHER

8. CAUSE:

EQUIPMENT FAILURE

HUMAN ERROR

EXTERNAL DAMAGE

SLIP/TRIP/FALL

WEATHER RELATED

LEAK

UPSET H2O TREATING

OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID

OTHER

9. WATER DEPTH: 265 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 9 MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: FT.

14. PICTURES TAKEN: YES

15. STATEMENT TAKEN: YES

17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

(cable technician) with 3rd party contractor TDE was performing a Megger (Hi-Pot) test on newly laid sub-sea cable (prior to tie-in). was testing the last conductor when the Megger lead popped off. He walked over to re-attached the Megger lead to the conductor & a loud pop was heard as he received a shock of an estimated 98,000 volts at a low amperage.

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

- \* Improper PPE: Cable Technician did not utilize (voltage gloves) as required on his JHA (JSA)
- \* A special test procedure was available to the cable technician, however was not available onsite.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

- \* Training: Although being a level 3 Certified Technician, did the technician need more skill/knowledge to perform the task or to respond to conditions or to understand system response?
- \* Situation not covered on procedure. Did the procedure fail to address all situations that reasonably could have been expected to occur during the completion of the procedure?
- \* No safe work permit issued for the task.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- \* Policies, Administrative controls, or procedures not used, missing, or in need of improvement? The Supervisor for the area affected by the work (control room operator) should have been notified & received a copy of the JHA (JSA) prior to the contractor starting work. Authorized company personnel should have signed off on the JHA (JSA) prior to starting the task.
- \* further information located under inspections dated 09/24/12 (insp. type "AI"). Photo's of the incident site are also attached under noted inspection record.

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

None

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

N/A

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

\$

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

- \* Adhere to company policy regarding JSA's.
- \* Conduct daily safet meetings to address contractor's activities & their procedures.
- \* Implement safe work or hot work permit as applicable for all non-routine operations.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: **YES**

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

\* **Improper PPE**

\* **No procedure onsite for the work being conducted.**

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

**24-SEP-2012**

28. ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION:

**MAJOR**

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

**Bob Borghei / Bobby Fuller /**

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

**Mike Mitchell (Acting)**

27. OPERATOR REPORT ON FILE: **YES**

APPROVED

DATE:

**12-NOV-2012**

