

# ASP Safety Alert Network Compliance and Authorisations

Alert Number: SA23\_19

12 December 2019

**Subject: Temporary operating restriction on Andelec and ABB SD-series switches.**

## Key Messages

**Following an Essential Energy incident, energised operation of all Andelec and ABB SD-series switches across the Ausgrid network is temporarily paused pending further information.**

## Description of incident or hazard:

On 9 December 2019, two Essential Energy employees were injured following a failure during operating work on an oil-filled ABB SDAF metal-enclosed ring main unit.

## Extent of impact:

Both Essential Energy employees have been hospitalised as a result of the incident.

## Immediate action required to eliminate or control the risk:

Effective immediately, energised operation of all **Andelec and ABB SD-series switches across the Ausgrid network is temporarily paused pending further information.**

These restrictions apply to all Andelec and ABB SD-series switches across the Ausgrid network, approximately 5,000 units in total, and will impact some planned outages for contestable projects.

The Ausgrid Compliance Officer assigned to your contestable project will contact you if any impacts to scheduled outages are identified.

Ausgrid would like to thank you for your collaboration, patience and support on this matter to achieve the safest possible work environment for all Ausgrid employees, contractors and ASPs.

If you have any questions or issues, please email: [ASPAuthorisations@ausgrid.com.au](mailto:ASPAuthorisations@ausgrid.com.au)

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