

**Oregon Joint Use Association  
Standards Committee**

Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2005

**Members Present**

John Sullivan (Chair), PGE  
Keshvar Jafari, PGE  
Jeff Kent, Qwest  
Gary Lee, Charter Communications  
Jim Marquis, PacifiCorp

Gary Putnam, Oregon PUC  
Dean Randall, Verizon  
Jim Watkins, PacifiCorp  
Scott Wheeler, Comcast

Staff:

Laureal Williams

**Call to Order**

Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the May 25, 2005, meeting and made the following revisions: replace “three bolts” with “through bolts” in the *Grandfathered Violations Research* and correct ‘fore’ to ‘for’ in the *Goal 4* section.

**Motion by Jeff Kent, seconded by Jim Watkins, to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2005, meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Business**

*Tagging Program*—Staff distributed product information provided Tech Products for placement on the association website and sought input from the committee. It was the consensus of the committee to direct staff to request additional information from the Tech Products representative regarding permissions for brand names included in the product information and a determination of the association’s costs for the product and blanket order requirements. The committee requested an update via email when that information becomes available.

*Grandfathered Violations Research*— Jim Watkins reported that Dean Randall and Mike Wilson had completed segments of the research project. Noting that he is anticipating more research results, Watkins distributed the current matrix for review. Watkins reported that he will provide an electronic copy of the completed research to staff for posting in the ‘Members Only’ section

of the association's website. Staff clarified that Watkins email address should be posted as the appropriate contact with regards to the research project.

Gary Lee suggested that the committee seek the PUC safety staff's input on the research results. The committee noted that the safety staff's input would be welcome. Gary Putnam indicated that the staff would like to have access to this data as they are currently working on a few rule interpretations. Watkins suggested that the committee contact IEEE to seek permission to include excerpts from previous editions of the NESC. Chair Sullivan offered to follow up on this issue.

*Bootleg Inspection Errors Update*—Chair Sullivan reported that this issue is reportedly being reviewed at the Oregon Cable Television Association's (OCTA) conference in July. Gary Lee confirmed that it is on the conference's published agenda. Sullivan asked staff to identify Bill Woods as the reporting committee member for this issue on the next Standards Committee meeting agenda.

### **Strategic Plan Assignments**

*Goal 4: Relating to participating in regional and national joint use events*—Jeff Kent reported that he, Bill Woods, and John Sullivan will be making a presentation entitled "Partnerships for Success" at the WEI Conference on Tuesday, September 27. Kent noted that he was not aware of any other current opportunities to participate in regional and national joint use events. Gary Putnam suggested that joint use issues will probably be part of the discussion at OCTA annual meeting. Sullivan indicated that one of the PGE quarterly customer meetings may be an appropriate venue for a joint use presentation.

Gary Putnam and Dean Randall noted that Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC) is proposing a flat rate fee schedule to their attachees to fix specific errors. OTEC will be conducting a repair trial and will present results at a July 19 meeting in Baker City. Sullivan asked if joint use contracts are being interpreted to allow this kind of work. Jeff Kent noted that Qwest has used a "change order" for specific work as the vehicle for getting that type of work done rather than the joint use agreement or a special services agreement. Jim Marquis asked if this process had incurred any labor issues. Kent noted that the labor issue seemed to rest with the contractor themselves.

*PUC Inspection Spreadsheet*—Gary Putnam reported that the revised spreadsheet has been used for error reporting. Jeff Kent noted that he had seen an example, indicating that it was not especially easy to work with at this time. Putnam expressed a willingness to work with anyone's revision of the spreadsheet.

*Goal 5: Relating to development and promotion of effective collaborative inspection/correction programs*—Jim Watkins summarized the subcommittee's recent meeting, noting the group's continued efforts to identify solutions for a growing list of challenges to the feasibility of collaborative inspections. Watkins will be inviting Mark Oberle from EWEB to the next subcommittee meeting to relate his experiences with a recent collaborative inspection project at Eugene Water & Electric Board. Chair Sullivan requested that representatives from the cable and telephone companies who participated in this inspection project also be invited. Watkins

concluded his report by noting that Gary Lee had stepped off committee due to increased work commitments.

*Goal 8: Relating to development and implementation of statewide joint use standards*—Gary Lee reported that the subcommittee has nearly completed its recommendation for construction practices related to anchors. Lee noted his intent to develop a specific format for these recommendations and provide it to the Standards Committee for its review and approval. Jeff Kent asked if the final work product of the subcommittee would be an appropriate attachment to joint use contracts. Lee indicated that it would. Dean Randall noted that he would continue his attempts to have a Verizon representative attend the subcommittee meetings.

### **New/Other Business**

PUC Proposed Rulemaking—Gary Putnam noted that the PUC has not yet received any feedback on the proposed rulemaking. Jeff Kent and Chair Sullivan noted that their companies would be developing plans to review the proposals. Sullivan also reminded the committee that the PUC will be scheduling industry meetings for the proposed rulemaking once the legislative session has ended.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10 a.m., August 4, at the Western Advocates office in West Linn.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.