

**Oregon Joint Use Association  
Standards Committee**  
Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2015

Chair David Barks called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present:

**Present:**

Dave Barks, Chair  
Terry Blanc  
Corey Cook  
Todd Gover  
Scott Rosenbalm\*  
Scott Wheeler  
Bill Hamelman  
John Wallace  
Paul Birkland  
Jerry Donovan

Mark Rettmann  
Jim Brenner  
Sanjeev King  
Scott Jennings  
Stuart Sloan  
Mark Simonson\*  
Scott LaRoche  
Rick Jensen\*

**Staff:**

Laureal Williams

\* *participated via phone*

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Moved by Jerry Donovan and seconded by Bill Hamelman to accept the minutes of the January 21 meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Committee Updates**

*Guying Discussion Update* – Terry Blanc provided a summary of his dialogue with David Marne regarding interpretation of and potential changes to rule 215c (related to guying). Dave had cautioned that so many suggested changes to the rule would make it a difficult topic to address. Dave suggested that the OJUA consider making a formal submittal to the subcommittee that is reviewing the rule (deadline for submittal is May 1). The Committee discussed the possibility of making a formal recommendation to the OJUA Board to submit a comment to the NESC. It was the consensus of the Committee that the current rule is difficult to understand. Paul Birkland noted that the NESC Review Committee has asked for public comment on the specific proposals it has received to date related to the rule.

**Motion:** Moved by Todd Gover and seconded by Scott Wheeler to make a recommendation to the OJUA Board to submit a formal comment regarding Rule 215C to the NESC Review Committee. **Motion passed.**

Todd Gover, Mark Rettmann, and Paul Birkland agreed to draft a formal comment on behalf of the OJUA for the OJUA Exec Committee’s review by April 8. Paul, Mark, and Todd will send the draft to OJUA staff for circulation to the Standards Committee.

*Grandfather Matrix Update* – The Committee reviewed a brief history of the development and subsequent modifications to the matrix. John Wallace suggested that further discussion of the matrix be postponed until the next meeting so that PUC staff can confirm and consolidate the impact of some of its related discussions.

The Committee discussed the format and intent of the matrix in its current form and its genesis from the original matrix developed by Pacific Power & Light. Chair Barks affirmed the Committee's goal is to get the matrix published prior to the publication of the 2017 code.

The Committee discussed those elements of the matrix to be completed prior to publication. In theory, the matrix could be completed by the end of this year. The Committee discussed suggested enhancements to Rule 232 (second entry) C Comm and Rule 232 C (first entry) Comm.

On a related note, John Wallace reported that the OPUC has offered space for the first meeting of the Electric Utility Workshop, an ad hoc group hoping to craft a utility-based solution to the issue of improperly grandfathered heights of some older electric service entrances. The first meeting is a half-day workshop scheduled for April 10 at the OPUC's building on Fairview Industrial Drive.

*OPUC Letters of Opinion* – The Committee discussed its original intent in the process of soliciting the index of the letters of opinion and discussed how relevant some of the correspondence may be at this point. The Committee discussed adding OJUA to the PUC mailing list for future correspondence so that the Association always gets a copy of any of the letters issued and can post those letters on the OJUA website. Staff reminded the Committee that the OJUA Executive Committee had suggested requesting all correspondence noted on the index through 2005; Jerry Donovan asked that this be extended back to include 2004. Paul Birkland offered to update the index, noting that more correspondence has occurred since the index was first requested several months ago. The OPUC staff indicated that they will provide electronic copies of the requested correspondence as well as instructions for requesting older items from the index.

*Review of Standards Manual* – Chair Barks asked Committee members to review the first section of the current manual in preparation for the Committee's May meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015, 10 am, at the OJUA office in Salem.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further business and the Committee was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.