

**Oregon Joint Use Association
Standards Committee**
Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2015

Chair David Barks called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Dave Barks, Chair
Terry Blanc
Corey Cook
Todd Gover
Scott Wheeler
Bill Hamelman
John Wallace
Jerry Donovan
Mark Rettmann
Scott LaRoche

Rick Jensen*

Justin Boone
Linda Spurgeon*
Scott Jennings*

Guest:

Mark Skorupa

Staff:

Laureal Williams

* participated via phone

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Corey Cook and seconded by John Wallace to accept the minutes of the March 18 meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Committee Updates

NESC Rule 215C Formal Comment – Chair Barks thanked PUC staff and Todd Gover for drafting the comment. After review and approval by the OJUA Executive Committee, the comment was formally submitted the NESC Review Committee in late April. The Standards Committee discussed what changes may be made to the code and how the changes might be implemented.

Although discussion related to potential changes to Rule 215 C may be moot until the NESC takes further action, Todd Gover noted that the Standards Committee could address the issue of pole-to-pole guying insulators. He indicated that identified violations have been refuted as ‘not part of 215C rule’; questioning whether the rule applies to protecting the public and other utilities on the pole. Mark Rettmann concurred that there is a lack of clarity in the code with regard to span guying. He emphasized that the OJUA should have more influence on the subject as a user group rather than the PUC as a governmental entity.

Jerry proposed that if NESC revised 215 rule doesn’t include illustrations/sketches, then the Standards Committee should develop the appropriate illustrations/sketches. In the interim, utilities should work to cooperate in building and constructing attachments. The Standards Committee can try to review and address related conflicts if asked. Chair Barks concurred that there are issues here but very little of substance can be accomplished until NESC produces its revisions to Rule 215C

Motion: Moved by Jerry Donovan and seconded by Todd Gover that formal discussions related to Rule 215C be tabled until NESC provides revised language. **Motion passed.**

Grandfather Matrix Update – The Committee discussed the current status of the Matrix. John Wallace indicated that the matrix is directly impacted by the electric utility task force that Jerry Donovan and Terry Blanc are currently participating in. The task force may be submitting an interpretation to the IEEE IR Committee related to grandfathering; a response is likely in the next three to four months.

The Committee reviewed the matrix, identifying revisions and additions as well as a few items that will require some additional research before the matrix can be provided to the Executive Committee (anticipated for delivery at the August 12 meeting). Staff was directed to incorporate the revisions made at today's meeting and circulate the matrix to the Committee members to solicit additional revisions prior to the Committee's July meeting.

OPUC All Utility Letters – John Wallace reported that the letters weren't ready for distribution yet. He noted that Paul Birkeland is working to appropriately classify the letters prior to distributing them to OJUA. Chair Barks confirmed that the OJUA will be a recipient of future letters so there won't be a need to compile future correspondence. Terry Blanc confirmed that the request was for all letters from 2004 to present, with individual Committee members noting any additional requests. Staff indicated that no additional requests have been forwarded at this time. John Wallace noted that the final version of letters is likely to come with a disclaimer.

Review of Standards Manual – The Committee reviewed Section 1 of the manual and identified specific changes. Chair Barks asked the Committee to prepare for a review of Section 2 and Section 3 at the July meeting.

New Business

The Committee engaged in a discussion related to the placement of new attachers on an existing pole in relation to current occupants on the pole. Of particular note was a concern about new attachers transitioning from a top position to a lower position within a span. The Committee discussed whether or not such a transition creates a Section 22 violation or whether such a configuration is in compliance with the attachment agreement.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015, 10:00 am, at the OJUA office in Salem.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.