**Oregon Joint Use Association**

**Standards Committee**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Chair Gary Payne called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present:

**Present**

Gary Payne, Chair

Corey Cook

Dave Barks

Paul Birkeland

Jerry Donovan

Gary Putnam

Bill Hammelman

Jim Brennecke

**OJUA Staff**

Genoa Ingram

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Moved by David Barks and seconded by Corey Cook Barks to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting as presented. **Motion passed**.

**Grandfathering**

The Committee reviewed the PacifiCorp Matrix and discussed deliverables had not yet occurred. It was noted that there was a need to create additional items for communications and to keep power issues near the top since it follows the position on the pole.

Corey reported that PacifiCorp had revised the matrix to delete NESC article 234 C-3-C clearance “attached to side of building” since grandfathering does not apply. Chair Payne also suggested changing the line for NESC Article 235C1, relating to the minimum clearance of 12 inches, explaining that there is nothing in the NESC allowing attachment to the service mast. He suggesting leaving it in the document but renaming it.

Chair Payne reviewed additional revisions he had made to date (EXHIBIT A) which included the addition of communications and a breakdown by entity. Changes were suggested in the following areas:

* Fire hydrants
* Driveways
* 2008 bonding requirements for communications
* Adding NEC for attaching to service mast (as well as NESC)
* Railroad Tracks
* Horizontal Clearance for roofs and signs, buildings (and vertical)
* 30” Rule
* Clean up roof deck and balcony section

Bill Hammelman asked about responding by email after conferring with other inspectors. Chair Payne agreed and suggested that the Committee may want to divide the issues up and seek additional feedback.

The Committee discussed clearances on railroad tracks, particularly abandoned tracks. Gary Putnam was asked how the PUC deals with such situations. Gary responded that he had never encountered that situation. Jim Brennecke offered that the clearance was for school buses.

The meeting between the PUC and PacifiCorp is scheduled for February 8 and the issue in question may be resolved prior to that meeting. The purpose is to discuss clearance issues.

**Decorative Streetlights**

Chair Payne discussed with the Committee what deliverables should be forwarded to the Executive Committee. He noted that streetlights affect communications to a greater degree because they are lowest o the pole. He suggested putting together an education piece to present to the cities either in the form of a letter or PowerPoint presentation. The final product could be added to the OJUA website or turned over to the Publicity and Education Committee for dissemination. The Executive Committee will make the decision but Standards should have a recommendation.

Committee members acknowledged that cities own the right of way and utilities are there by agreement. PGE continues to have conversations with the City of Portland. It was suggested that ODOT be included in discussions. Chair Payne agreed to take the issue to the Executive Committee for review.

**New Issues**

*Inspections* Dave Barks discussed push back encountered regarding inspections of every pole with a power contract and notification that if one facility to other occupants. Currently, there is discrepancy over who should be responsible for the remedy. He added that third parties are not being notified on service drops since they are not at risk.

*Metal Theft* The Committee discussed the fact that metal theft has sharply declined with passage of new legislation.

*P&E Presentation*  It was determined that the Standards Committee would not be needed for a Spring Training presentation.

**Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.