

**Oregon Joint Use Association  
Prioritization of Repairs Committee**

Meeting Minutes  
PGE Facility - Salem, Oregon  
March 1, 2007

**Members Present**

Bill Woods, PacifiCorp  
Jeff Kent, Qwest  
Scott Jennings, Verizon  
James Fife, Verizon  
John Sullivan, PGE  
Julian Khouri, PGE  
Bill Tierney, PGE  
Terry Blanc, TPUD  
Jeff Liberty, Bendbroadband  
Scott Wheeler, Comcast  
Bill Kiggins, Clear Creek  
Heide Caswell, PacifiCorp  
Gary Putnam, OPUC  
John Wallace, OPUC  
JR Gonzalez, OPUC  
Roger Kuhlman, Salem Electric  
Linda Wolfe, EWEB  
Karen Horejs, EWEB  
Dave Wildman, Monmouth Power  
Troy Rabe, Comcast  
Bruce Rogers, PGE  
Dan Gilpin, PGE  
Bill Phillips, Frontier Communications  
Stuart Sloan, Consumers Power Inc.

**Staff:**

Wendy Knodel

**Goals for OJUA Prioritization of Repairs Subcommittee**

1. Develop communication protocols between joint use operators and PUC on deferred corrections.
2. Develop specific guidelines for classification of corrections.
3. Product developed by committee endorsed by PUC safety staff.
4. Entire industry is involved in process by conducting two workshops throughout the state.

**Call to Order**

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

## Opening Remarks

Bill Woods introduced Jeff Kent from Qwest. Jeff touched on the Division 24 hearing. JR Gonzales reported that Division 28 ruling may come in mid-March. Jeff reported that the 2007 Spring Training registration is now available.

## Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

## Future Meetings

- March 15, 2007 OJUA Board meeting 10 AM to 12 noon then POR **Committee Work** 1 PM to 3 PM at Comcast on Nimbus, Beaverton.
- March 22, 2007 **Committee Work** at PGE in 9 AM to 3 PM
- April 5, 2007 **Workshop** in Central Oregon at Bend Broadband 10 AM to noon **Committee Work** noon to 3 PM
- April 17 and 18, 2007 **Release Final Work** at OJUA NESC Spring Training.

## Work Completed to Date

- Work from Bill Kiggins from Clear Creek was brought forward. Discussion ensued on the cost and the mitigating circumstances. You can't defer beyond 10 years, so how do you reconcile between the two? If it can be corrected responsibly, it will be corrected. There is argument that if there is a 40" violation, then the pole occupant should pay for entire cost. The other side is the person that created the cost should pay.
- John Wallace brought forward the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and congratulated everyone in the committee for their commitment. Mass deferrals create a backlog at the PUC that couldn't be addressed in a timely manner. He was impressed that people were agreeable to get the fixes in before a 2 year time limit. John Wallace proposed that all were B's, and then time will tell which are actually C's. Decision tree needs to be made to go right along with the document from the PUC.
- Bill Woods brought forward a document that relates to situation regarding road widening, forced relocate, scheduled pole replacement, scheduled rebuild, scheduled corrections. Who is going to identify the B or the C – the inspector or the pole worker. JR Gonzales brought up that these subjects are great to create a decision tree. Plans of corrections that Bill Woods received would indicate 180 days to fix the problems. It would not be possible to fix all problems, so some would have to be extended to a year, etc.
- Jeff Kent from Qwest brought forward Qwest work of the matrix. Their group took 457 violations and boiled them down to 63. Classifying a violation is very valuable, and this work product is a good starting point. Bill Woods, Heide Caswell, Troy Rabe took this product and worked in which violations were A's, B's and C's.
- Bill Woods to give Wendy Knodel the two spreadsheets diagram and then she will email out to the industry. Would like this document to be a guideline and resource for the industry to use so feedback is welcome.

- Troy Rabe brought forth his work where he took the Qwest boiled down version and added the NESC Code Section, the Code, the Page number and the priority code of an A, B or C. It was also boiled down to 40 violations.
- Scott Wheeler brought forth a flow chart regarding C Violation Prioritization Process from Comcast. Request from Stuart Sloan to add a re-identify and verify that the violation still exists. Gary Putnam requested that a Plan of Correction box should be added.
- Julian Khouri and Bill Tierney brought forth PGE's Plan of Corrections.

**Next Meeting (Workshop)**

March 15, 2007 – Committee Work after OJUA Board Meeting at Comcast in Beaverton. Board Meeting is – 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Committee Work is Noon – 3:00 PM

**Adjourn**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.