

**Oregon Joint Use Association
Standards Committee
Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2020**

Jerry Donovan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Jerry Donovan, Chair, PGE
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Scott Rosenbalm, McMinnville Water & Light
Stuart Sloan, Consumers Power Inc
Wayne Ronke, Charter Communications
Jaime Breckenridge, EWEB
Mark Rettmann, OPUC
Mike Allen, Comcast

Call In:

Kristi Belveal, CenturyLink
Corey Cook, Pacific Power
Tim Gasser, Crown Castle
Todd Gover, TDS Bend Broadband

Not Present:

Marlene Martin, CoastCom by Wave
Debbie Jenkins, EPUD

Staff:

Jody Lyon
Laureal Williams

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the November 20, 2019, meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Jerry Donovan and seconded by Stuart Sloan and Wayne Ronke to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019, meeting as written. **Motion passed.**

New Business

Jerry Donovan recapped that NESC change proposal (CP) comments are due March 2, 2020, but he would like to attend the February 12, 2020, Executive Committee meeting and have the comments prepared by that deadline instead.

The Committee discussed input of the public as well as OJUA committee members, particularly safety teams, in the NESC comments. Mark Rettmann provided an example of what comments will look like, and the group reviewed each CP, finetuning comments as needed. Stuart Sloan expressed concern about having the same people who submitted change proposals also submit comments since NESC is pushing for the public to comment on the manual rather than just OJUA committee members. The Committee has asked CSC staff to formally submit the comments once they are approved by the Executive Committee.

The Committee focused on **CP 5068, Rule 217 A2c:**

The Committee discussed several ways that the comment could be submitted. The goal was to address both the intent of the rule along with safety concerns. Various needs were raised:

- The 8-foot zone can be anywhere as long as it's below the lowest communication conductor.
- Jaime Breckenridge pointed out that PGE installs boxes, so it needs to be an 8-foot space between the lowest equipment on the ground and the next equipment up the pole.

- Tim Gasser weighed in that there should be an 8-foot gap between anything on the ground that is climbable and the next installed attachment up the pole.
- Stuart Sloan suggested that perhaps the committee instead should leave the original language alone but add a third exception addressing the 8-foot clearance from the equipment at the base of the pole.
- Both OJUA and APPA are saying the rule isn't clear enough.
- We must look to the future as well because more equipment will be added to poles.
- Several participants felt strongly that it would be important to reference "from the ground up" so that the 8-foot space will be as low as possible on the pole.

Mark Rettmann pointed out that all three of the comments could be submitted as examples for the Executive Committee, which could then pick parts of each comment to put together as a final response to NESCC. The Committee determined that they would offer three comments on this CP when submitting them to the Executive Committee during the meeting on February 12, 2020. Because Standards Chair Donovan will attend the Executive Committee meeting, he can speak to the intent of the rule as well as the need for clarifying language.

The Committee recapped decisions/comments about the following CPs:

CP5542, Rule 017A — No changes to discussion from November 20, 2019, meeting: consensus remains.

CP5096, Rule 215 C2 and C3 — No changes from November 20, 2019, meeting. Committee will comment that they support this proposal.

CP5230, Rule 232, Table 232-1 — Consensus of the Committee to not support the change proposal for these reasons: the objective of the change is not clearly evident, it does not impact grandfathered installations, and it seems to reduce the safety factor that is built into this rule.

CP5067, Rule 217 A3 — The Committee will push for more tagging.

CP5069, Rule 234 C3d(1) — Consensus of the Committee to support this change proposal.

CP 5024 & CP 5026—The Committee supports combining them. This consolidates the rules and moves them to Rule 238. Antennas will be treated as equipment.

Jerry Donovan and Mark Rettmann will stay in touch with CSC staff. Mark Rettmann will provide to CSC the comments document he created. Once they receive Committee consensus, they will notify CSC to submit the comments for the Executive Committee to review during the meeting on February 12, 2020. CSC will also submit the comments to NESCC by March 2, 2020.

Looking to March 18 Meeting—Wireless Chapter

Jerry Donovan would like the committee to be thinking about what the next chapter of the Standards manual will look like. Wireless is on the forefront of topics in upcoming months. The team was asked to

think about what they can pull together and to bring hard copies to share during the meeting on March 18, 2020. Chair Donovan requested examples of the following:

- Good candidate poles
- Good, bad, and ugly examples
- Collect photos, drawings for aesthetics consideration
- ➔ OJUA can either access the Google drive provided by CSC, or they can send images to CSC staff to upload

With the wireless chapter, best practices and safety practices will be key. Ideally, the Committee will have something to show at the next Annual Meeting.

Tim Gasser wants to put together a presentation using ikeGPS for sharing drawings with outside parties. Staff noted that the Annual Meeting would be an ideal location to host an exhibit table for the ikeGPS materials.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, at 10 a.m.