

**Oregon Joint Use Association  
Standards Committee  
Meeting Minutes—July 13, 2022**

Chair Jerry Donovan called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**Call In:**

Jerry Donovan, Chair, PGE  
Alex Chaney, OPUC  
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial  
Jaime Breckenridge, EWEB  
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.  
Mike Allen, Comcast  
Chad Altherr, PGE

**Staff:**

Genoa Ingram

**Chair's Comments** Jerry announced that he would be retiring effective July 22. He also recounted some of the history of the OJUA and how it has changed the interaction among member companies to the benefit of consumers and the industry.

**Approval of Minutes** Chair Donovan asked the Committee members to review the minutes of the May 11, 2022 minutes and asked if there was consensus for approval.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jesse Keyes and seconded by Chris Barley to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting as submitted. **Motion passed.**

**Additions to Agenda** Alex Chaney, OPUC, asked to add a discussion of NESC 239G as it relates to power company fiber optic in supply space.

**Progress Review: Standards Best Practices Manual**

- **Chapter 9: Wireless Chapter** Chair Donovan asked if there were any additional components to be added to Chapter 9 or any further discussion items. He noted that recent improvements, including color photographs, font updates, and updated exhibits had added a more professional feel to the publication.

Chad Altherr noted that there were no prerequisite understanding for using and understanding the Manual such as basic NESC understanding. Chair Donovan reported that there had been no direction or discussion from the Executive Committee, other than that look of the entire manual was being updated with color photos and professional looking exhibits.

Chair Donovan suggested that, moving forward, the Committee divides up the chapters designating members for oversight of specific chapters. He noted that, with staff assistance, the Committee had used Google Drive to store photos and exhibits.

- **Chapter 10: Wildfire Mitigation Chapter:** Chair Donovan reported that he had dropped numerous photos and information such as PGE fire safe construction standards.

Mike Allen reported that he and Chris Barley had volunteered for a couple of chapters during the last meeting: Chapter 1 relating to Anchors and Chapter 2 relating to Bonding

and Grounding. They plan to meet following the meeting to review photos for inclusion in Google Drive. Jaime Breckenridge offered to work on Chapter 8, specifically the equipment pictorial.

**NESC 239G** Alex Chaney provided a broad overview of Rule 239 which requires that if a communication cable is in the supply space and then transits through the supply space, it should have a conduit protecting it 40 inches above and six feet below the power space. Because Rule 224A3 prohibits running the conduit mid-span, the question is if you are transitioning from the supply space to the communication space, does it fall into Rule 239. Jerry Donovan provided examples of how PGE has run conduit in the past and how it is done currently. Alex discussed how conduits should be placed in order to comply with safety standards. He indicated that the OPUC had not been encountered in the field but was interested in what the consensus was within the OJUA.

Jaime Breckenridge reported encountering conditions with a service drop that resulted in a violation but asked for clarification if the issue is transitioning to different spaces or leaving the structure. Alex confirmed that the issue was transitioning so it would relate to fiber. Jaime responded that in such cases, EWEB would not refer to Rule 239 because they would be transitioning down the pole into the communication space, sometimes utilizing the 30-inch exception.

Committee members further discussed their interpretations and applicability of the rules and whether, in such cases, whether Rule 224 or Rule 239 applies. Alex also noted that there were carve-outs in certain circumstances.

Chair Donovan suggested taking the issue back to member companies for additional feedback.

#### **Action Items**

- Staff was instructed to email Committee members to determine if 10:00 a.m., September 21, would work for the next meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next scheduled Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.