

Oregon Joint Use Association Standards Committee

Minutes—March 13, 2025

Via Zoom and in-person

Chair Peter Kalnins called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present:

Peter Kalnins, Chair
Craig Commerford, PGE, Co-Chair
Chad Beam, LS Networks
Terry Blanc, PGE
Jeff Carlson, CPI
Adam Deshon, Salem Electric
Joshua Lightner, Central Coast PUD
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp (calling in as 6058)
Robb Robison, OPUC
Wayne Ronke, K&B Tech Solutions
Scott Ziska, PGE
Pam Vaughan, City of Corvallis

Not Present:

Chad Altherr, PGE
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Alex Chaney, OPUC
Leon Grumbo, OPUC
Sarah Monroe, Central Lincoln PUD
Jerry Pomeroy, Ziply
Justin Reynolds, Comcast
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

Approval of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 9, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Adam Deshon and seconded by Craig Commerford to approved the January 9, 2025, minutes as amended to correct an NESC code number. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

PGE Vehicle Charging Stations: Terry Blanc introduced Scott Ziska who provided a PowerPoint presentation on PGE's progress with regard to charging stations. Scott noted that PGE has attempted to merge wireless standards and standards relating to EV chargers, particularly with regard to clearance. Pam Vaughan asked for clarification regarding the how PGE is handling the need for dedicated parking spaces when parking is at a premium. Scott confirmed that dedicated parking, and particularly enforcement issues, are a challenge. Chair Kalnins thanked Scott and explained that the intent is to add a new chapter if the OJUA Standards Manual relating to "Emerging Technologies" which would include charging stations and drone usage.

Drone Standards: Jeff Carlson, CPI, provided a slide presentation on drone usage, also with intent to be included in the "Emerging Technologies" chapter. Jeff confirmed that the issue of drones has advanced to the point that the OJUA Standards Committee could begin working on the new chapter. In response to a question from Chair Kalnins, Jeff replied that CPI has not been approached from other entities regarding joint inspections.

Anchor Identification: Wayne Ronke, K&B Tech Solutions, asked for additional time to work on the issue, hopefully by next meeting depending on workload.

Locate Wires: Chair Kalnins recalled that the Committee had discussed that if there was a locate wire coming out of at the top of a riser, it should be bonded. Otherwise, it should come out of the

base of the conduit, near ground level and affixed so as not to create a tripping hazard. He asked for additional feedback and/or clarification. Adam Deshon referenced the locate diagram that had been distributed to Committee members and, following some discussion, agreed that it represented a suitable standard.

New Business

Communication Worker Safety Zone (Antenna Attached to Street Light Mast): Chair Kalnins recapped previous Committee discussions regarding ways of addressing safety zones by not attaching to the street light mast and/or implementing a different configuration. During a previous meeting, Leon Grumbo had previously indicated that if the antenna is mounted to the luminaire, it does not meet the exception to be in the worker safety zone. However, it could be threaded into a router. Additionally, newer antennas could meet the safety standard because they are half the length and thicker. He suggested deferring further discussion until Leon was present.

Fiber Storage Loop Clarification: Chair Kalnins discussed the need for a possible rewrite of Chapter 10 as it relates to the amounts of allowable storage. He asked for any further input based on the photographs that had been distributed. Wayne asked that the photos be re-sent.

OJUA Presentation at Annual Meeting on PUPI Arms: Chair Kalnins noted that the Executive Committee had asked the Standards Committee to make a presentation during the Annual Meeting regarding PUPI arms. The intent is to assist members with compliance but also it might address the need for space, pole replacements, right-of-way, issues and other issues. Wayne agreed that there are merits for power but not so much for communication companies due to the difference of loads. Chair Kalnins agreed that it may not be an option for communication companies. He added that he has obtained information from the PUPI arm website, as well as from Gary Lee, and will work with Committee members to develop a presentation. Adam and Wayne offered to assist in the presentation.

Future Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates are as follows:

- May 8
- July 10
- September 11
- November 13

The Committee meeting will continue to meet 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. until further notice.

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.