

**Oregon Joint Use Association
Standards Committee**

Minutes—September 26, 2024
Via Zoom

Chair Peter Kalnins called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present:

Peter Kalnins, Chair
Justin Reynolds, Comcast, Co-Chair
Chad Altherr, PGE
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Chad Beam, LS Networks
Alex Chaney, OPUC
Adam Deshon, Salem Electric
Leon Grumbo, OPUC
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp
Robb Robison, OPUC
Wayne Ronke, K&B Tech Solutions

Not Present:

Craig Commerford, PGE
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

Approval of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2024, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Justin Reynolds and seconded by Wayne Ronke to approve the July 11, 2024, minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Wrap-up of Standards Best Practices Manual Cody Mabee pointed out that the QR code had expired the day following the meeting. He suggested leaving it active for a reasonable amount of time. All were in agreement.

Chair Kalnins discussed the suggestion for an alternative designation to “grandfathering”. He asked Leon Grumbo if it were an industry-specific phrase and was told it is not. Some alternative suggestions included “Exceptions Matrix”, “Existing Installation Matrix”, and “Legacy Matrix”. Leon noted that some companies use the term “grandfathering” in their inspection programs so it’s not clear how much impact it would have for the OJUA to use a different term. It was noted that the Wikipedia definition is as follows: *A grandfather clause, also known as grandfather policy, grandfathering, or being grandfathered in, is a provision in which an old rule continues to apply to some existing situations while a new rule will apply to all future cases.* All agreed that the term “grandfathering” would require a good deal of re-education and that no change is needed at this time.

Chair Kalnins also reported that during the Annual Meeting, there had been a question from the audience relating to guy clearances as it relates to the Tri-fold. A picture in the upper right corner on the back of the Tri-fold depicts a down guys with guy guards four feed from the fire hydrant. The question related to the clearances of the down guy over the road. Pete had responded that another illustration shows main lines over the road. The person asking the question suggested that it might be more clear to reference the second illustration and comment something to the effect “down guy clearances over roadways—see below”. Wayne suggested replacing “road” with “drivable surface”.

Leon noted that the code (Table 232-1) noted exceptions that do not cross tracks, rails, pathways, etc. Wayne noted that the code addresses construction, generally. Chair Kalnins agreed that there might be benefit to adding a couple of lines addressing lines specifically. The Tri-fold will be addressed at the November meeting.

Chair Kalnins suggestion the Committee take two actions: 1) Verify that the Committee wants to add the guy wires to the one illustration depicting surface clearances and 2) decide what to call “guy wires”.

He also recalled a question from the audience regarding streetlights, particularly regarding clearances above a streetlight mast. Committee members expressed concern about “cluttering up” the Tri-fold with too much information. Adam Deshon submitted the following link relating to clearances: <https://www.gdsassociates.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Hi-Line-NESC-2023-Clearance-Charts.pdf> It was noted that clearances are addressed in detail in Standards Manual and the Tri-fold was meant to serve as a quick reference. This item was deferred to the November meeting.

Old Business

Framing of Communication Lines Leon Grumbo referenced Rule 239(g)(1) which pertains to the minimum vertical clearance required between supply lines (power lines) and communication lines when they are located on the same supporting structure. Leon clarified that the rule requires power must be guarded 40 inches above the highest comm and six feet below the lowest comm and plug-ins must be covered. Further discussion was deferred to the November meeting with Leon, Adam Deshon, and other members bringing back additional information.

Vehicle Charging Stations No further information had been received. Chair Kalnins offered to contact Terry Blanc regarding progress of that project.

New Business

NESC Tabs Chair Kalnins noted that the tabs had been completed.

Anchor Identification Chair Kalnins recalled that Wayne Ronke had sought additional information on holding strengths for their anchors. Wayne added that companies do not regularly supply that information, which is crucial during the process of pole loading. Pete suggested that anchor owner tag all anchors. Wayne discussed the discrepancies between holding strengths and said he is open to tagging, color coding, or other remedies. Pete speculated as to how achievable this request would be. He suggested that perhaps with more work, input and collaboration throughout the industry, it could be accomplished through mapping.

Change of Chapter Heading Adam Deshon noted that Chapter 10 of the Standards Manual had not yet been changed. The new heading should be “*Temporary storage of arial communication facilities*”.

Update of NESC Manual Cody Mabee noted a misnumbering on the NESC manual on page 212. There is a reference to Rule 264 relating to guying and bracing; however, on the next page, the

reference is to 263(D) rather than 264 (D). The consensus was that OJUA should contact Grant Glaus. Cody agreed to contact Grant.

Future Meetings

Future meetings are as follows:

- November 14

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.