

Abandoned Lines Discussion Group Conference Call

6/13/2019

Call Participants: Jonathon Culbreath, Scott Lucas, Kevin Schimming, Lori Wade, Joe Igel, Jeff Kursman, and Alice Miller

Alice reminded discussion group members that they may access information for this group, and all the other discussion groups and subcommittees, by going to oups.org / Legislation OUDPC. The schedule of calls and OUDPC meetings are also noted on this page.

Joe Igel thanked everyone for participating in the discussion group and noted how important this particular topic is.

Discussion followed regarding the complexity, and danger, of dealing with abandoned lines. Many examples of the issues surrounding ownership of these facilities, locating the facilities, trying to complete excavation project around these facilities, and the repurposing of these facilities by electric and telecom companies, with or without permission were shared.

The group decided to focus its effort on abandoned lines going forward. It will look at the abandonment process and steps necessary within that process to identify those lines in the future. Lori Wade, Jonathon Culbreath, and other members will send Alice abandonment procedures currently in place by Friday, June 21st in order create best practices that may be used in crafting language. Additionally, identifying abandoned facilities, mapping them, and storing them within a data base housed at the one-call center is a possibility as well and will be discussed during our next call.

Next Call: Thursday, July 11, 2019