



OULDPC ABANDONED LINES DISCUSSION GROUP REPORT

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AGENDA

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STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Variability of Practice-

Across industries, there is not a uniform process for abandoning lines or clear definition of an abandoned line

Frequency of encounters-

Abandoned lines are a factor in an estimated 25-45% of facility damages

Lost time and monetary cost-

When an abandoned line is discovered, damaged or not, it takes significant time and resources to assess, deenergize, and repair facility

ISSUES DISCUSSED

Practices

Across utilities and through time, facilities have been abandoned in different manners. Some older practices leave live product in abandoned lines.

Need for uniformity

Across industries, we want to create definitions for active, inactive, and abandoned lines. Then establish practices that prevent truly abandoned lines from being dangerous to general public and contractors.

Issues tracking older abandoned lines

Uniformity in GIS use. Create a point forward resolution that can become standard



NEXT STEPS

In the upcoming month, we will be surveying members of OUDPC to determine currently used:

- Definitions

- Practices

 - Method of abandonment

 - Locations

 - Purging

- Tracking

- Ownership



QUESTIONS?