



Agenda
 Abandoned Lines Subcommittee, virtual
 7/13/2023

Committee Members of Record		7/13/2023
Chan, Tony	Duke Energy Gas	Present
Chelius, Lauren	Kokosing Construction	Present
Collins, Jim	Duke Energy Gas	Present
Coniglio, Dave	Ohio Contractors Association	Absent
Harvey, Jason	PRUS Construction	Absent
Henson, Johnny	Davey Resource Group	Present
Hocevar, Bill	Great Lakes Construction	Present
Johnson, Joel	City of Columbus	Present
Large, Deron	Alta fiber	Absent
Logan So, Mary	George J. Igel & Co., Inc.	Present
Mandera, Jim	Dominion Energy	Present
Moore, Isaac	Centerpoint Energy	Absent
Plurien, Tim	RLA Utilities	Absent
Pyles, Elizabeth	Franklin County Engineer	Present
Ross, Blake	Marathon Pipeline	Present
Schafer, Steve	First Energy Corp.	Present
Schell, Les	Kinder Morgan	Present
St. Chair, Brent	Kinder Morgan	Absent
Tustin, Scott	Columbia Gas	Present
Wade, Lori	Columbus Gas	Present
Williams, Drew	Great Lakes Construction	Present
Wooten, Jim	Centerpoint Energy	Absent
OHIO811 Staff		
Broyles, Jason	OHIO811	Present
Dearing, Yancy	OHIO811	Present
Industry Guests		

Mitchell, Nancy	USIC, Governmental Affairs	Present
Russ, Chris	USIC	Present

I. Welcome/Opening Statements

Mr. Tustin called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. He began with an overview of what was going to be discussed today during the subcommittee and acknowledged appreciation for all participants.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Logan So took roll call of those present.

Mr. Tustin kicked off the meeting with reminders of the guidelines of engagement as well as the intention for safety in the industry.

III. Review of prior work completed by group

Ms. Logan So said that in the beginning of restarting this committee, there will be a need to create a baseline of information. As such, Mr. Broyles was asked to review the document State Codes on Abandoned Facilities that was provided earlier in the week.

The majority of states do not currently have state laws regarding abandoned facilities. There are a variety of municipality laws but more of an exception to the rule. Those states that do have laws regarding abandoned or inactive facilities tend to push back liability on the original facility owner.

Mr. Schafer requested follow-up on where ownership lies once use is discontinued. Mr. Tustin shared that ownership reverts back to the property owner unless the facility owner owns or manages the right-of-way.

Mr. Broyles provided a general overview of the states that he was able to collect information on regarding abandoned/inactive facilities. He made specific mention of Alabama’s law where once a line is discovered, a second notice provides four hours to provide a response and facility owners can be billed for the removal.

IV. CGA Update on Abandoned Lines

Mr. Broyles was asked to provide information regarding CGA’s work nationally on the issue of abandoned lines. He noted that OHIO811 sits on the committee which as met three times this year outside of the CGA Conference. Nationally, the industry is looking to establish best practices. He shared that Texas 811 has an abandoned line project, largely initiated by Kinder Morgan called Line-Scape.

Mr. Chris Stovall (Texas 811) provided the CGA committee an overview of the program. Through the program, excavators receive a link to digital mapping (not an image), where the excavator can use web map features to understand what they are working around. Since initiating the projects, the rollout had a 25% click-through-rate (5-6% being considered successful), and now has increased to 40%. Mr. Stovall reported that excavator feedback has been positive.

Mr. Broyles noted that this program was point-forward in line abandonment. Mr. Tustin suggested that OHIO811 invite Mr. Stovall attend the next committee Ohio Abandoned Lines Committee meeting. The entire committee concurred in a straw poll. Committee members were asked to send questions ahead of the meeting.

Potential Questions

- Was part of their process including working with their admission working through an abandoned deferral bucket?
- Who pays for the line locating?
- Why does Line-Scape operate separately out of Texas 811 from a liability standpoint?
- Is Company participation voluntary?

Mr. Broyles noted that Texas 811's program is not a state law.

V. Discuss future meeting dates

ACTION ITEM: OHIO811 to send a Doodle poll with potential meetings for the week of Aug. 7 and week of Sept. 11.

It was noted that the long-term goal is to set a year's schedule of committee meetings.

VI. Open Discussion

Mr. Dearing noted a question for Mr. Stovall's presentation.

Mr. Hocevar wanted to clarify how the voting will take place for the stakeholders at the subcommittee level. Mr. Tustin said that only one voice per Company will be permitted at Committee level. Ms. Logan So clarified that it has yet to be established how voting will be at the Coalition level.

Mr. Schell noted a question for Mr. Stovall's presentation and provided some context for Kinder Morgan's participation in the voluntary program in Texas.

Ms. Logan So added that a future topic for the agenda should also include a discussion on the current abandonment process for a variety of facility owners. Mr. Broyles said that pre-COVID the Committee had discussed sending a survey to the OHIO811 membership.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.