



OUDDPC- Ticket Expiration

Minutes

9/10/24

Call to Order/Opening Statements: Clayton Heitz, Jim Wooten

Roll Call: Jason Broyles, Clayton Heitz, Jim Wooten, Deron Large, Dave Coniglio, Johnny Henson, Alex McCann, Jim Collins, Jim Mander, Lori Wade

Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes reviewed. Clayton Heitz motioned to accept as presented and motion was seconded by Deron Large. There was no opposition to the motion. Motion passed.

Expiration of a Locate Request: Rough draft language was sent to focus group prior to the meeting to capture different conversation points that have been discussed.

Current: *3781.31(B) If the markings of underground utility facilities made under section 3781.29 of the Revised Code are destroyed or removed before excavation is completed, the excavator shall notify the utility through the protection service that the markings have been destroyed or removed, and the utility shall remark the facilities in accordance with section 3781.29 of the Revised Code.*

Proposed: *A notification will be valid for a period of (30 or 45) calendar days from the date of the notification to the protection service, provided the utility facilities markings made under section 3781.29 of the Revised Code are visible and continue to clearly identify the approximate location and direction of underground utility facilities. If the markings are not visible and/or clear, the notification is no longer valid, even if it has been less than (30 or 45) calendar days since the notification was provided through the protection service. If an excavator leaves the job site, relocates to another site, or is otherwise absent from the site for a period of 14 consecutive calendar days, the notification will be considered expired, and the excavator shall make notification through the notification*

center as required under section 3781.28 of the Revised Code. This notification shall occur prior to any additional work on the site occurring, even if the original locate marks, provided under section 3781.29 of the Revised Code, are still visible.

The language was presented to the group by Clayton Heitz. Jim Wooten asks how the utilities would be able to determine if a contractor had left a job site for any certain number of days. Deron Large supports the question. Lori Wade states that she understands the concern, however current law is too vague so having the clarification would be good. Alex McCann stated that he understands the concern, but questions how the utilities are tracking whether a contractor starts a job in 10 days as required by current legislation? Jim Wooten responded by saying that they just have to take the contractor's word for it. Deron Large shares a concern that if the group tries looking at every situation, the language would be lengthy and confusing. Jim Collins questions where the 45 days came from. Jim Wooten responded that it was based off conversations between the cochairs and the OCA and was just being looked at, nothing has been agreed upon. Jim Manderer takes the group back to the point that paint and flags don't last forever and by not having a set expiration date, it does not allow utilities the opportunity to locate possible utilities that have been installed after the initial locate request if no updates have been requested. Clayton Heitz poses the question as to how often utilities update their mapping? Lori Wade responds that it is different for every utility.

Jim Manderer asks if the group can get back to considering 30-day expiration? Deron Large comments that 45 days is too long, and he would be in support of 30 days. Lori Wade comments that the state needs to have an expiration date, whether it be 30 or 45 days. Jim Manderer states that consideration should be given to changing from 14 days to 16 days in the proposed language to allow it to match other submitted language from the OUDPC. The group agrees to this change.

The group continued to discuss points already brought up during the meeting. The group agreed to adjourn.