

Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution
Stakeholders Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2014
8 a.m. - noon

Attendees:

John Gander – DEC

Ron Dubbs – Emerald PUD

Jeff Wilson – Oregon OSHA

Robert Clarkson – IBEW 125

Banjo Reed – IBEW 659

Ward Andrews – Wilson Construction

Gary Boswell – PGE

Lance Hughes - EWEB

Mark Maguire– EWEB

Stuart Sloan – Consumers Power

Stephanie Ficek – Oregon OSHA

The group approved the minutes from the June 11, 2014 meeting, with the exception of Robert Clarkson being from IBEW 125 rather than IBEW 659.

Timeline – Jeff mentioned that we have until October to complete our preliminary rulemaking work, rather than July as we previously thought.

437-003-0295 Adequate Protection **Keep with language change. Change “between phases” to “phase to ground.”**

437-003-0220 Working clearance **Remove**

Tree trimmer rules – Jeff reported that he left a message with Asphlundh and Trees Inc about their involvement in this rulemaking work. Because tree trimming and brush removal is less frequent in construction, the group agreed to point to Division 2/R regarding these activities.

437-003-0720 CPR Training **Table – Jeff will research**

437-003-0725 Rescue Training **Table – Jeff will research**

437-003-0707 Chipper equipment and operation **Remove**

The group discussed lineman representation in this rulemaking process. From at least one lineman’s perspective, we are adding rules to what is currently followed 1910.269. The group explained that we are not intending to add requirements or limit the scope of the lineman’s work. Our purpose in the Oregon rules is to clarify current work practices and protect the worker. If there is a specific rule that we have added, we are willing to involve them in the process.

Battery Rooms, General Requirement

437-003-0790 Designation and Posting. **Keep**

437-003-0795 Use of Sources of Ignition. **Keep**

437-003-0800 Personal Protection. **Keep and combine with 0795**

437-003-0805 Static Electricity Remove

437-003-0810 Ventilation Remove

437-003-0820 Use of Barrier Keep and add “qualified” to “safety watcher.”

437-003-0825 Nonelectrical Workers Table to allow people to do some research and think about the language. Also change “of” to “or” if we keep the rule.

437-003-0815 Use of Equipment. Keep and add “qualified” to “safety watcher.”

437-003-0830 Additional Rules Ward has information from Washington – best practices created by a committee with representation from management and labor to address the use of helicopters. He will bring this information to the next meeting.

437-003-0835 Hooking and Unloading Loads See 0830.

Tools

437-003-0235 Additional Requirements Keep (1) removing “axes, hatches and power saws” and adding “chainsaws.” Remove (2).

(1) The use of axes, hatchets and power chainsaws isare prohibited on all over-head work where workers are supported by a single climbing belt or rope.

(2) When power saws are used on overhead work where workers are supported by climbing belts or ropes, the requirement in OAR 437-003-0705 shall apply.

437-003-0240 Other Materials and Tools. Table – Gary will bring language from the tree trimmer industry to the next meeting.

437-003-0245 Tools in Belt Keep

Use and Care of Body Belts, Safety Straps and Lanyards

437-003-0840 Use of Body Belts and Safety Lines Table – Gary will bring language from the tree trimmer industry to the next meeting.

437-003-0845 Use of Safety Straps Keep

437-003-0850 Storing Equipment Keep and remove second sentence

Personal Climbing Equipment

437-003-0855 Use of Straps and Lanyards Remove

437-003-0860 Equipment Criteria Remove

437-003-0865 Equipment Inspection Before Use Remove

437-003-0870 Monthly Supervisory Inspection Remove

437-003-0875 Additional Rules Remove

437-003-0880 Safety Lines Table – Jeff will research the federal language.

437-003-0885 Replacement Remove

437-003-0890 Additional Definitions Keep

(1) Aerial manlift equipment Keep

(2) Clearance Keep

(3) Dispatcher Keep – change “dispatcher” to “system operator” and use the definition from Washington. The new definition will be, “A system operator is a qualified person who has been designated by the employer and having authority over switching, clearances, and operation of the system and its parts.”

(4) Low Voltage Keep and change “700” to “600” volts.

(5) High Voltage Keep and change “700” to “600” volts.

(6) Extra high voltage Keep

437-003-0565 Dead End Towers Remove - Ward talked to Harvey at BPA and the rule is no longer applicable.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 8 a.m. – noon.