

Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution
Stakeholders Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2014
8 a.m. - noon

Attendees:

Jeff Carson – IBEW Local 125

John Gander – DEC

Ron Dubbs – Emerald PUD

Jeff Wilson – Oregon OSHA

Marilyn Schuster – Oregon OSHA

Steven Harkin – Pacific Power

Mark Maguire – EWEB

Gary Boswell – PGE

Mike Scarminach – IBEW 659

Banjo Reed – IBEW 659

Stuart Sloan – Consumers Power

Tracy Harness – NW Line NECA

Ward Andrews – Wilson Construction

Ron Stewart – Wilson Construction

Mike Kiessling – NW Line NECA

Russ Walters – Springfield Utility Board

Sue Joye – Oregon OSHA

Peg Munsell – Oregon OSHA

Stephanie Ficek – Oregon OSHA

The group approved the minutes from the June 18, 2014 meeting, with one exception: The language change that we made to **437-003-295 Adequate Protection** (changing “between phases” to “phase to ground” should have been to **003-0295(2)(a) Exceptions** rather than **(1)**).

Timeline – For the benefit of those who were not at the last meeting, Marilyn explained that we have until October to complete our preliminary rulemaking work, rather than July as we previously thought.

Helicopters – Ward Andrews and Ron Stewart presented Washington’s rules on the use of helicopters for power distribution and transmission line installation, construction and repair. **The group will research Washington’s rule and the federal standard 1910.183.**

3V Continued – The group discussed the following rules in 3V in comparison to the federal standard:

003-0215 Emergency Procedures and First Aid Remove

003-0355 Climber Gaffs ~~Climber gaffs shall be kept sharpened. Gaffs of 1 1/4 inches or less shall not be used. Climber gaffs shall be kept sharpened. Gaffs of 1 1/4 inches or less shall not be used.~~ **Change to “Gaffs and Climbers. Gaffs and Climbers will be maintained according to manufacturer’s recommended specifications.”**

0365 Gaffs Guarded While climbers are not being worn, the gaffs shall be properly guarded. **Keep**

437-003-0880 Safety Lines. Safety lines **must be readily available while working aloft to be** ~~are not intended to be subjected to shock loading and are~~ used for emergency rescue such as lowering a worker to the ground. Such safety lines shall be a minimum of one-half-inch diameter and three or four strand first-grade manila or its equivalent in strength (2,650 lb.) and durability.

437-003-0840 Use of Body Belts and Safety Lines. **Hold for Gary to take to Chicago.**

437-003-0240 ~~Other Materials and Tools~~. Materials and tools other than belt tools for which the body belt is designed:

- (1) ~~Shall~~**Must** be raised or lowered by means of a suitable container and/or handline.
- (2) ~~Shall~~**Must** not be thrown to or from linemen working on poles or structures. **When field conditions prevent the use of a handline or alternative method from being done safely, a designated drop zone must be established. Clear communication must occur to prevent employees from entering the zone while material is being dropped in a controlled manner.**
- (3) ~~Shall~~**Must** not be carried up or down poles or structures in belts.

437-003-0720 CPR Training Remove

437-003-0725 Rescue Training Remove

437-003-0707 Chipper equipment and operation Remove

The group discussed and made changes to our working copy of 3V.

Jeff will research the term “safety watcher” and determine if “qualified” should be added.

Fiscal impact – Jeff handed out a fiscal impact questionnaire. He asked the group to answer the questions that apply. Your responses are for fiscal impacts regarding our Oregon initiated rules that we are changing, not the federal changes.

Division 2/R 437-002-0317 Additional Oregon Rules for Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution

The only rules in Division 2/R are under 0317 (1) *Two-worker rule* and (2) *Bare-Hand Work*. The group will look at this and look and look at what rules in 3/V that we want to put into 2/R.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 2014, 8 a.m. – noon.