

Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution
Stakeholders Meeting Minutes
Aug. 20, 2014
8 a.m. - noon

Attendees:

Ron Dubbs – Emerald PUD
Jeff Wilson – Oregon OSHA
Jane Kirby – Oregon OSHA
Marilyn Schuster – Oregon OSHA
Robert Clarkson – IBEW 125
Banjo Reed – IBEW 659
Mark Rettmann – OR PUC

Peggy Munsell – Oregon OSHA
Gary Boswell – PGE
Mike Kiessling – NW Line JATC
Ward Andrews – Wilson Construction
Stuart Sloan – Consumers Power
Sue Joye – Oregon OSHA
Stephanie Ficek – Oregon OSHA

The group approved the minutes from the Aug. 6, 2014 meeting.

Jeff mentioned that we will be eliminating live-line barehanded work from our rules.

Jeff recommended the following for our 3V rules:

437-003-0470 – Remove

437-003-0480 – Keep Oregon rule and change the title to “grounding verification.”

We reviewed the helicopter rules and decided to either use the federal or Washington’s rules (that we will amend with Oregon language) in the following:

- 1926.551(a) Helicopter regulations – Federal
- 1926.551(b) Briefing – Washington
- 1926.551(c) Slings and tag lines – Washington
- 1926.551(d) Cargo hooks – Federal
- 1926.551(e)(1) Personal protective equipment – Federal with language change.
- 1926.551(e)(2) Loose-fitting clothing – Federal with language change.
- 1926.551(f) Loose gear and objects – Federal
- 1926.551(g) Housekeeping – Federal
- 1926.551(h) Operator responsibility – Washington
- 1926.551(i) Hooking and unhooking loads – Washington
- 1926.551(j) Static charge – Washington with potential language change
- 1926.551(k) Weight limitation – Washington
- 1926.551(l) Ground lines – Washington with language change
- 1926.551(m) Visibility – Federal

Ward presenting language from WAC 296-45-67527 Line Stringing. We will use this language, amended for Oregon, instead of 1926.551(k) and (l).

- 1926.551(n) Signal systems – Washington
- 1926.551(o) Approach distance – Washington

1926.551(p) Approaching helicopter – Washington
1926.551(s) Fires – Washington with language change.

We reviewed Washington's rule on Hazard Analysis and Job Briefing WAC 296-45-67508(1). We will use their language and remove "by the employer" in our rule.

We reviewed the following areas of our 3V rules that were tabled or had set aside for further review:

437-003-0645 Reel Tender – Keep Oregon's rule and combine with 0655.

437-003-0655 Equipment Secured – Keep Oregon's rule and combine with 0645.

Banjo presented language regarding 1926.961 and 437-003-0530 Verification of Clearance. We agreed to keep Oregon's 0530 and change the language, adding "unless the qualified person in charge can demonstrate that a visual air gap is not possible."

We discussed the language on our Two-worker rules in 437-003-0115 High Voltage and 1926.960 Working on or near exposed energized parts. The group agreed that we needed to work on language regarding work with pad mount transformer elbows. This work should not be considered switching and shouldn't be an exception to the two-worker rule. Lineman experience in the room proved that two workers are required to safely perform that task. Mike Kiessling will send us Washington's rule.

We discussed training timelines and expectations. We clarified that until we adopt the new rules, employers are operating under the existing Oregon rules. The new rules will be effective when we adopt in January and there will be some federal rules with delayed effective dates. There is a lot of uncertainty with timelines and how we will share information regarding specifics of training requirements.

We discussed fiscal impact. Oregon OSHA needs your cost analysis for everything beyond what has already been analyzed by federal OSHA.

Meeting Adjourned: Noon.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 17, 2014, 8 a.m. – noon.