Utility Coordination Project Meeting
January 7, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
George J. Igel Company

Life of a Ticket

The subcommittee agreed that the expiration/ending date for each ticket will be 30 calendar days. The start date for a ticket was discussed extensively: The weighted argument for retaining the 48 hour wait period, but having the start date be 15 calendar days from the time the excavation notice is given was felt to be an advantage because excavators that call OHIO811 with an excavation notice repeatedly will do so less frequently – for example every 13 days rather than every eight days.

The subcommittee discussed the problem of excavation notices being called in on a regular basis without starting the job. It was emphasized that that is a problem within the industry because this practice pulls resources away from the rest of the industry. Examples were provided of gas companies lining-up leak repair work so that the project can be handled when a crew is free; municipalities, in preparation for last minute funding, will line-up jobs by calling in excavation notices. A suggestion was made to craft language in order to penalize habitual abusers of this system – those with no logical purpose for calling in locate requests repeatedly without starting the job. The question remains: How do we define "abuser"?

Size of a Ticket

The subcommittee looked at urban, suburban, rural, incorporated, unincorporated; utilized Google Maps and experience to determine what guidelines would be best for the size of an excavation notice. It was determined 1,000 feet for urban (incorporated), and 2,000 feet for rural (unincorporated) may be appropriate. I final decision will be made at a future meeting.

Utility Coordination Project (UCP)

Les Schell created this spreadsheet in order to identify what might trigger a UCP within the OHIO811 system, assuming an automatic process is the best method. Thank you Les. This discussion is ongoing and identifying and correcting shortcomings is still needed. This tool uses most of the previously identified "potential triggers" for a UCP. They are: Geographical Size; Complexity of Excavation Work; Duration of Work; Work Progresses; Site Conditions; Number of Utility Conflicts; Complexity of Locating Efforts.

Utility Coordination Project: OHIO811 System Triggers

Must meet three criteria to be a Utility Coordination Project	Incorporated	Unincorporated	Yes/No/Other
Length (feet)	1,000	2,000	
Size (sq feet)	460,000	1,000,000	
Utilities notified this ticket	12	12	
Is work in public ROW	Yes	Yes	
Complexity of Locate (define)			
Site Conditions			
Project Duration = or > 60 days			
Was a design ticket previously created for this project?			Yes

Tom Hackstedde, OHIO811, provided the following information in order for the subcommittee to look at what has typically been identified as a "large" project.

2018 & 2019 Large project tickets
Forty-four large projects identified by type of work

2) GRADING, CLEARING, STUMP GRINGING
2) LAND CLEARING, REMOVING STUMPS, & INSTALLING SNOW FENCE & TEMP ENTRANCES
2) SETTING PINS & POTHOLING FOR PIPELINE INSTALLATION
2) PIPELINE
4) NATURAL GAS PIPELINE INSTALL
4) ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY
6) ABANDONING GAS TRANSMISSION LINE
1) 95 CAISSON FOUNDATIONS (50FT DEEP), GRADING, EARTHWORK, TREE & STUMP CLEARING,
2) EXCAVATING FOR UTILITIES & DEMOLITION
3) FOUNDATIONS & UG UTILITIES INSTALLATION
4) ACCESS ROADS, TCE'S, MOWING RIGHT OF WAY, SIDE TRIMMING, NEW CLEARING
1) REPLACING UG ELECTRIC
6) WELL MAINTENANCE
5) DRAINAGE WORK,CLEAN UP, SEEDING AND RESTORATION
1) LIGHT POLE REPLACEMENT
2) DIGGING AND TRENCHING FOR ELECTRICAL COLLECTION FOR WIND FARM

The group also looked at PA's "large project" language which was included in the December 11th meeting minutes. **Discussion regarding the UCP process from start to finish has been, and will continue to be, discussed in order to create a process that will be relatively simple, can be clearly defined within the law, and enforceable.

For reference – here is the current "large Project" language found in the ORC.

Current Language regarding Large Projects

3781.28 *(E) If an excavation will cover a large area and will progress from one area to the next over a period of time, the excavator shall provide written notice of excavation with projected timelines for segments of the excavation as the excavation progresses in order to coordinate the marking of underground utility facilities with actual excavation schedules. Under such circumstances, the utility and excavator shall determine a mutually agreed upon marking schedule based on the project schedule. Once such a schedule is established, the marking and notification requirements set forth in division* ***(A)(1) of section 3781.29 of the Revised Code shall not apply.***

3781.29 (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, within forty-eight hours of receiving notice under section 3781.28 of the Revised Code, each utility shall review the status of its facilities within the excavation site, locate and mark its underground utility facilities at the excavation site in such a manner as to indicate their course, and report the appropriate information to the protection service for its positive response system. If a utility does not mark its underground utility facilities or contact the excavator within that time, the utility is deemed to have given notice that it does not have any facilities at the excavation site. If the utility cannot accurately mark the facilities, the utility shall mark them to the best of its ability, notify the excavator using the positive response system that the markings may not be accurate, and provide additional guidance to the excavator in locating the facilities as needed during the excavation.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020 George J. Igel Company, 3500 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus.

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