OUDPC Ticket Life DG #2
Conference Call 2/20/19
2:00 pm

Call Participants: Bryon Bedel, Les Schell, Alice Miller and Jeff Kursman

Minutes from February 5, 2019, conference call was approved.

Bryon Bedel discussed the challenges faced by his limited locating staff (four staff, 1 is currently on extended light duty), and shared their feedback in response to his questions regarding the processing of locating requests and ticket life.

Bryon's team felt that contractors should be discouraged from repeatedly calling in tickets for the same location when projects are unlikely to commence within 10 days. The 48 hour response requirement taxes the staff, and repetitive remarkings are frustrating. It is their recommendation that charges should be assessed if contractors repeatedly call in multiple tickets for the same projects without breaking ground in ten days.

Any fines would need to be levied by the UTC in response to a complaint, not by the municipalities or utilities directly.

Additionally, contractors should immediately utilize the ticket cancellation option as soon as it is determined that a project will not commence within 10-days. Delays in cancelling tickets result in locations and markings being completed unnecessarily.

Contractors continue to call in single tickets for areas that are too large, and should require multiple tickets or white lining.

Finally, Bryon's team is encountering a challenge in contacting their colleagues at Duke.

Les Schell repeated from prior meeting that Kinder Morgan has established a life of 30 days for tickets and some subcontractors continue the practice of requesting remarkings every 10 days. They keep record of every detail including latitude and longitude, photos and time/date stamps.

Expressing that this discussion group's work overlaps with the work of the Size and Scope and Large Project subcommittee, it was suggested that the two meetings be held immediately following one another or joint meetings be held to maximize participation and to discuss interrelated issues.

Next Steps: Discussion group members were encouraged to listen in on the 2/21 Size and Scope and Large Project Subcommittee Call. Les will discuss next steps with Roger and Joe prior to scheduling the discussion group's next meeting.