

ARIZONA UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2015

The Arizona Utility Coordinating Committee serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge.

PRESENT

Colin Barleycorn	APS	David Cross	MCDOT
Connie Peretz	AZUCA	Ed Padron	MCDOT
Dan Nissen	Peoria	Jami Erickson	Phoenix
Jeremy Elser	SW Gas	Jon Nelson	MCDOT
Lori Greco	Mesa	Ray Almanzar	Phoenix
Kelly Roy	MCDOT	Robert Johnson	Pima DOT
Rod Bassett	Cox	Robert Prater	MCDOT
Ryan Earwood	SRP	Matthew Frost	Mesa
Steve DiDominico	Chandler	Will Fielder	SW Gas
Tom Condit	Gilbert	Danny Quinones	SRP
Tom Wilhite	Tempe	Christine Tucker	InSite Acq.
Al Field	Al Field & Assoc.	Matt Frost	Mesa
Bob Trzepowski	SRP	Dennis Aust	Chandler

Meeting Called to Order/Attendance

- ✓ Ryan Earwood, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.
- ✓ Introductions/Attendance sheet circulated. Quorum was met.

Previous Meeting Minutes

- ✓ June 2, 2015 meeting minutes reviewed and approved with no recommended changes.

Safety Minute

- ✓ Reminder to adjust your mirrors correctly to view blind spots. YouTube has an instructional two minute video available online.

Small Cell Tower Permitting Process - Panel Discussion

Moderator-Ryan Earwood, SRP

Acquisition Process- Christine Tucker, Insite Inc.

Technical Process- Danny Quinones, SRP / Colin Barleycorn, APS

Permitting Process- Ray Almanzar, Phoenix / Lori Greco, Mesa

The panel reviewed the permitting process from the perspectives of the acquisitions teams for the tower owners/cell providers, the municipalities permitting requirements and the technical process of the electric companies to provide power for the systems. Mobil data was reported as representing 53% of the traffic by the end of 2013 with video streaming representing an estimated 66% by the end of 2018. This projection has increased the need for Small Cell Towers to fill in gaps between Macro coverage. Christine reviewed the functions of DAS, Macro and Small Cell Tower facilities. As demand grows, carriers are working to partner with owners of existing poles or utilize buildings to minimize the visual impact on neighborhoods. Once a site has been selected, the municipalities do a site review and the carrier does a 30 day public notification. Agreements between the utility companies and carriers range from 5 to 25 years with an auto renewal annual payment. Abandonments, ongoing maintenance and locating responsibility issues are covered in provisions in the agreement. Concealment efforts via walls painted to match surroundings or decorative wall screens are occasionally required by municipalities. The technical process of determining where and how the power source will be located, hooked up and amp requirements were discussed. Many variables have to be taken into account depending on existing sources in relation to location and customer requirements. One of the current challenges with the process is standardized terminology and naming conventions.

Project Updates

SW Gas-Bid projects-Buckeye from 75th Ave. – 83rd. El Mirage on Thunderbirds west of El Mirage to El Frio Street. Van buren fro 67th - 83rd Ave in Phoenix.

Staffing Updates

Mesa- Hiring two Construction Inspector Positions

Chandler- Dennis Aust new Project Coordinator

SW Gas-Engineering Tech. Joseph Peretz covering NW cities, Gene Jacov Retired

Phoenix- Ray Almanzar's office moved to 1034 E. Madison St, Kendra Cortez new Engineering Tech. Permit, Chief Engineer-Kathy Rogers retired-position not filled.

Other Business

APWA Congress – 8/30 – 9/2/2015. Still need 250 more volunteers to fill various positions. Each volunteer will receive ½ day free entry for each ½ day of time donated.

Peoria-Is acquiring New River Water. Will notify utilities when processing is final later this year.

Next MeetingOctober 6, Arizona 811, 9:30 am