

Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting

PSNC Energy-South Raleigh Office

Located at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

July 25, 2017

Meeting Time:

The Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting was called to order by Donna Zuniga at 11:00 am.

Total Members Present

There was a total of **62** members present at the July Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting according to the sign in sheet. **Members have been asked to please sign in so that an accurate count of attendees for each meeting can be documented.**

Welcome of Members and Guest:

Donna Zuniga with Duke Energy welcomed everyone to the **7th** UCC meeting of the year. Bathrooms are located out the double doors and straight down the hallway to the left. In case of a fire emergency, everyone should exit out through the double doors turn right into the hallway exiting out the door and walk towards the street and wait at the PSNC Logo sign at the front of the entrance.

Special Thank You:

Lunch was provided for this meeting by Patrick Landreth with S & N Communications. Thank you again S & N Communications for providing lunch for us during this meeting!!!

Blessing of the Food:

Blessing of the food was provided by Donna Zuniga before we started lunch which began at 11:01 am.

Introduction of the Members and Guest:

Donna Zuniga with Duke Energy welcomed everyone to today's meeting again and a formal introduction of the guests and members from left to right announcing their name along with the company they are affiliated with.

Safety Moment:

Pay attention to what you're doing when you're out in the field. There was a technician that was going up a pole with a supervisor and aim on pole was broken. If he had gone up the pole

it would have been a dangerous situation. Just continue to be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Sandra Johnson with PSNC Energy presented a safety moment advising everyone that on their way in to today's meeting everyone drove by individuals with working equipment. It's everyone responsibility here for keeping people safe. We are all responsible for safety to prevent damages and injuries.

Donna Zuniga with Duke Energy presented a safety moment advising everyone that grass is growing wild around her house and to make sure that you are wearing protective gear equipment. She advised she noticed a woman on her way home that was riding a lawn mower cutting grass wearing a bicycle helmet for protection.

Approval of Minutes:

First Approval: Waylon Blakeley with Duke Energy

2nd the Motion: Patrick Landreth with S & N Communications

Old Business:

Sandra Johnson advised that the contractor breakfast is coming up on October 24, 2017. She have already left a telephone message with Cassidy Parks over at North Carolina State University Club and Justus Everett have already signed the contract to hold that date for us.

New Business/Concerns

- Donna Zuniga with Duke Energy advised they started a new process this week where Duke Energy Claims Investigators must respond to the site within 2 hours when a Duke Energy employee or Duke Energy contractor damages a gas line. This new investigation practice will allow Duke Energy to gather information and conduct a root cause analysis of each gas line damage. Duke Energy's goal is to address the causes and reduce the number of damages to gas lines.

Open for Discussion/Concerns

- Patrick Landreth with S & N Communications advise that about two weeks ago we had an issue in Apex. A homeowner was looking out a front window and he saw a couple of guys looking in his front yard. The equipment that the contractor was using didn't have a name on it, therefore, the homeowner goes outside and approach the individuals and questioned what they were doing in their front yard. They advised him that they were locating a telephone line. The homeowner made a series of telephone calls and one of the telephone calls alerted the police department. The police department then comes out and advise they are on the right of way and they are not trespassing. That generated other telephone calls such as the State Attorney Office, a few telephone calls to NC811, and finally ends up with about five police cars out at this residence. In all

actuality they did have a valid locate ticket that was called in. It was a locate ticket for a single address and a lot of things went wrong in this situation. I would say it started with someone putting in the locate request and not providing the proper information on the ticket.

- There's reports of contractors filling up water without a metered device. The City of Raleigh do not provide free water. Any water obtained from the City of Raleigh will have to be metered.
- Andy with Spirit Communications advised have 9 crews that are averaging 400 to 500 feet a day in the area of Wake County. I haven't heard of any issues going on, but Jeff Shaw with Utilities here if he want to take the opportunity to update everyone with information as far as the time line. It look like as far as Phase I in Wake County we should be out in about 20 days. We are about 95% complete in Phase I with fiber in the ground. In Phase II we are noticing that it's a lot smoother than Phase I and noticing that permits are coming in a lot better. Right now I think we are about 30 to 35% complete in Phase II. We are looking to be out of Wake County by December 2017. That's what we are shooting for and just wanting to give everyone a time line of where we stand as of right now.
- Sandra Johnson with PSNC Energy advised that she attended the NC811 Board of Director meeting last week and one thing that they talked about is best practices that they have come up with and that they would like to see an electronic white lining. I think they do that in Virginia. That way when the locator receive their ticket they can actual see exactly where you are going to dig. I think that's a great idea, but not sure of what it's going to take to get that to happen at NC811. That would then help to get rid of a lot of that graffiti out there. That will be up for future discussion.
- Marc Worth with PSNC Energy talk about when white lining putting your company name and date on the white line. I don't know how this group feel about that process. It's true that it could get very messy and not clear on who has white line what. Just need to talk about and get some feedback on it. The date would be the only concern by putting down the date that you did the white line or the date that the ticket was called in or that you were there, but at least you would know. We would need to have further discussion on what date we would use and I am hoping that this would be considered as a best practice. Just something to think about, pardon some ideas, and get it together.
- Tim Yarbrow with AnSCO & Associates advised Mecklenburg County is in the process of putting a video together on this white lining.
- Marc Worth with PSNC Energy spoke about hearing a lot about Fiber Projects and hearing that 2018 can be a nightmare. What are other people hearing? I wouldn't want this to just come up and just be a surprise to all of us. What's the word on the street?
- I am hearing there's micro trenching in Charlotte. I even understand that they have done some of that in Morrisville this year.
- I've heard that Google have been talking about it and an AT & T guy in Asheville, but this doesn't make much sense to me, but what he's talking about they are wanting to come

off the pole and go underground. He had even said that 2018 is going to be a nightmare across the state.

- I've also spoken with a Google GIS Partner in Atlanta and she was from California and she said that a lot of fiber will be going in the ground for North Carolina in 2018. I've heard it from so many different directions and wondering if anyone else is hearing it? There will continue to be a lot of fiber being burying in North Carolina due to it being a growing state.
- Marc Worth also advised the members that there have been a change to the underground damage prevention law. That change was only removing the DOT exemption from the law. That was fitted into the budget and we are lucky that we were able to get that done this year.

NC811 Presentation:

- Jeff Bartley presented a brief safety moment. There are more snakes out there than ever before. There are a lot of copperhead snakes and spiders. Please be very careful out there.
- Jeff Bartley presented the NC811 report for the month of June 2017. The NC811 Center received locate request totaling **170,404** in 2017. The total locate request in **2016** was 175,428. This was a decrease of **-2.9%**. Transmission Locate request was **949,373** in 2016. Current Locate request in Transmission was **971,633** in 2017. This was an increase of **+2.3%**. The total number of locate tickets for 2017 was **969,119** which was **+3.8%** over 2016. Total year to date of transmission tickets are **5,499,795** which is a total increase of **+10.2%** over 2016.
- There was a total ticket volume of **146,311** for Wake County in 2017. The average locate per day was **1,161** base on 126 work days.
- The total county ticket distribution in Wake County was **24,907**.

Save the Date

Mock Line Strike-Education through Demonstration (Dixie Pipeline, PSNC Energy, Gas Association, and Piedmont Natural Gas held on September 13, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the NC State Fairgrounds & Kerr Scott Building located at 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607.

NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board Meetings located at 2550 Operations Way, Raleigh, North Carolina. Located on the corner of Operations Way and Westinghouse Blvd.

- **October 17, 2017- 10 am to 4 pm**

2017 Board Meeting

- **3Q17, October 19-20, Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, New Bern River Front, New Bern, North Carolina.**

For booking information contact Tonya Hargraves: tonya@nc811.org

2017 State UCC Meetings

- PSNC Energy on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm located at 1801 Trinity Church Road, Concord, North Carolina 28027.

Next UCC Meeting:

The next Wake County Utility Coordinating meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 11:00 am at [PSNC Energy-South Raleigh Office](#) located at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Volunteers for Upcoming Lunches for 2017:

- **August 29, 2017:** Kevin Comalander with Spirit Communications will be providing lunch for the month of July. **Thank you Kevin Comalander with Spirit Communications!!!**
- **September 26, 2017:** Seeking a Volunteer for September's Lunch. If no volunteer for lunch then September UCC Meeting will start at 10:00 am.

Meeting Adjourned: The Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

[Minutes Prepared by Tiffany Elie, PSNC Energy, Telephone Number 919-836-2439](#)



Statewide Ticket and Transmission Data

June: 2017 / 2016 Comparison

Tickets

2017: 170,404

2016: 175,428

Difference: -2.9%

Transmissions

2017: 971,633

2016: 949,373

Difference: 2.3%



Statewide Ticket and Transmission Data

Year-to-Date: 2017 / 2016 Comparison

Tickets

2017: 969,119

2016: 933,728

Difference: 3.8%

Transmissions

2017: 5,499,795

2016: 4,992,894

Difference: 10.2%



County Ticket Volume



June: 2017 Stats Compared with 2016

	Type Ticket					
	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	TOTAL
2016	751	808	17998	602	11656	31815
2017	502	257	17960	468	7828	27015

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Year-to-Date: 2017 Stats Compared with 2016

	Type Ticket					
	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	TOTAL
2016	3415	2695	98294	4013	52418	160835
2017	2986	1911	113302	2482	45139	165820

County Ticket Distribution



MECKLENBURG	27015
BERRYHILL	5
CHARLOTTE	22142
CLEAR CREEK	33
CORNELIUS	803
DAVIDSON	321
DERITA	1
HUNTERSVILLE	1878
MATTHEWS	798
MIDLAND	9
MINT HILL	562
PAW CREEK	25
PINEVILLE	372
PROVIDENCE	4

Work Performed	Events	% of Grand Total
Telecommunications	54	38.30%
Natural Gas	28	19.86%
Sewer	12	8.51%
Water	12	8.51%
Electric	9	6.38%
Road Work	6	4.26%
Cable TV	3	2.13%
Landscaping	3	2.13%
Fencing	3	2.13%
Curb/Sidewalk	2	1.42%
Irrigation	2	1.42%
Pole	1	0.71%
Unknown/Other	1	0.71%
Drainage	1	0.71%
Grading	1	0.71%
Driveway	1	0.71%
Bldg. Construction	1	0.71%
Storm Drain/Culvert	1	0.71%
Grand Total	141	100.00%



Mecklenburg County, June 2017: 141 Damage Events

Events, Meetings, Holidays



Upcoming Holiday

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 4

*All holidays are excluded from
the three working day notice.*

Board Meeting

3Q17
October 19-20
Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
New Bern River Front
New Bern, NC

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Way, Raleigh, NC.**

On the corner of Operations
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State UCC Meetings

PSNC Energy

Tue, Sept. 12, 2017

10am – 12pm

1801 Trinity Church Rd.,

Concord, NC 28027

August 11, 2017



Mecklenburg County UCC
July 26, 2017
Sanders Utility

Meeting opened at 10:06 am by Chair, Roger Richards.

Safety instructions; exits, gathering points, weather, restrooms

Self introductions around room. 31 people in attendance.

Review June minutes. Approved, no corrections.

NC811 Presentation given.

UDPRB- 811 Would like to step away from involvement with the UDPRB to keep 811 separate and make sure that there is no perception of bias.

There has been a decrease in Mecklenburg County in 3 hour tickets, retransmits, and update tickets. This is hopefully due in part to the commitment of stakeholders to work internally to improve their internal processes.

For damage reporting-a reminder that you can go to the CGA website to report damages.

CDOT-Just a reminder about no aboveground markers. We will get a [copy of the ordinance](#) and share with the UCC.

Damages-

Sanders Utility-cut one abandon Duke line.

Diversified-Cuts that they were responsible for & others responsible for. No finger pointing-we are all in this together and they appreciate all the help they are getting.

Blythe Development-3 cut lines. Two were dead, one still unsure about damages.

Spirit-Total at 101 for the year thus far. Last year had 78 ytd.

AT&T-Damages unknown, but they have definitely had damages in Mecklenburg County. 391 notices thru June.

Duke Energy-Safety initiative-trying to find the root cause of damages and talk with all stakeholders involved. Tom Kraft with PNG has a system in place. He can share information.

DR Mosely-No damages to report

PRG-34 phone, 21 water/sewer, 15 landscapers, 6 power, and 13 other.

PNG-Per Tom, he can break down his damages showing who caused the damage and where the breakdown in the process occurred. He has a "damage dashboard" 75 damages. 95 damages in May. Last year at this time there were 158 so there has been an improvement.

AnSCO-No damages to discuss.

Paul Carrico mentioned that at the 2nd Quarter Board Meeting mowing tickets were discontinued. People still need a way to keep the area around materials cleaned up but mowing tickets are outside the scope of 811 work since there is no excavation.

Spirit-90% of phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 (Birkdale/Huntersville) is about 45% complete, and Phase 3 (Matthews) is approximately 10% complete.

Tom Kraft with PNG mentioned the next PNG Fire School will be on September 7th at the training academy. Information will be forthcoming or let him know you are interested.

Next meeting will be on August 30th. Location to be determined.

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