

Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting

PSNC Energy-South Raleigh Office

Located at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

January 30, 2018



Meeting Time:

The Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting was called to order by Mazetta Wynn at 11:03 am on January 30, 2018.

Total Members Present

There was a total of **47** members present at the January 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:

Mazetta Wynn with PSNC Energy welcomed everyone to the **1st** UCC meeting of the year. Housekeeping rules given out for newcomers. 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 hall way exiting out the door and walk towards the street and wait at the PSNC Energy Logo sign at the front of the entrance.

Special Thank You:

Lunch was provided for this meeting by Tim Andreotti with **AWP-Area Wide Protective**. Thank you again **AWP-Area Wide Protective** for providing lunch for us during this meeting!!! Blessing of the food was provided by Mazetta Wynn. Lunch which began at 11:06 am.

Introduction of the Members and Guest:

Mazetta Wynn with PSNC 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:

Donna Zuniga with Duke Energy presented a safety moment in regards to icy steps. Please keep in mind that your deck and steps could be ice over in the winter months. Please be careful to prevent any falls. It can be icy when you don't expect it.

Second Safety Moment:

Mazetta Wynn with PSNC Energy presented a safety moment advising everyone to stay off the roads in inclement weather. The news reports say to stay off the roads for a reason. Be very mindful of the weather report and stay off the road during inclement weather if it is not an emergency. It's that time of the year for bad weather and it seems we are in it for this winter.

Approval of Minutes:

First Approval: Donna Zuniga with Duke Energy

2nd the Motion: Phillip Roberts with Lambert Cable

Old Business:

Mazetta Wynn spoke on behalf of Sandra Johnson in regards to the Contractor Breakfast that was held at North Carolina State University Club at 4200 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27606 on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00 am. The contractor breakfast was another success and appreciate everyone who attended and participated in last year event. We thank all the businesses for the door prizes and helping to fund this event.

New Business/Concerns:

This year **36th** Annual Joint NC/SC Utilities Coordinating Committee Conference will be held at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort located at 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. The conference will begin on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**, with a Golf Outing, and will conclude on **Friday, May 4, 2018** at 12 noon.

The conference draws attendees from both states, and typically draws 174-200 attendees from various public and private utilities and service providers such as locating, construction, and design companies. Speakers and attendees will congregate in the Oak Room for various presentations on protection of Utilities, Work Zone Safety, Design/Build, and Damage Prevention. Vendors will exhibit their products and services in the Pre-Function area. Locator training class will also be offered in the Ash and Beech Rooms. Space is limited on the number of participants. Professional Engineers can earn PDH credits for some of the presentations.

Registration: \$80.00 per attendee (\$90.00 after April 4, 2018); Spouse is \$60.00 (\$70.00 after April 4, 2018.) Registration includes the Reception, All Breakfasts, breaks, and the Thursday Dinner Meal. Hotel rates will be \$109.00 valid 5/1/18-5/3/18.

AnSCO & Associates, LLC advised that there is still a fair amount of work going on. We have scaled back for now. No projection for high volume in 2018. There have been about 30 to 60 tickets from Brothers Cables that are coming through. Tara Meyer with the City of Raleigh advised that Google with neo-trenching is coming through ranging anywhere of 150 to 200 per neighborhood or project. Google with neo-trenching are calling in a quarter of a mile ticket and they are doing like an entire neighborhood. AnSCO & Associates, LLC tickets are like in small subdivisions or townhome communities. A lot of the projects are in the back of the townhome communities where the utilities are so it really doesn't affect anything. Google master contractor is S & N Communications, Inc.

Andy Leviner with Spirit Communications advise we are 90% done in Wake County. Back in the fall AT&T and USIC had some issues so we all got together and hammered it out. It seems that folks were calling in too many tickets and jumping all over the place, but it was a very good meeting and put us all back at the same place. We are looking at Orange and Durham County now.

NC DOT have a lot of projects going on for the next five to six years. It would be nice to hear from them to find out which ones they are moving forward with and which ones are going to be slid back to a later date. We would like to have more information on future projects knowing that some projects will move up faster due to some extra money that have been allocated for these projects.

Lambert Cable will be some time in the second quarter starting a fiber ring around Wake County for MCI. It will probably be about a 24 to 34 month project. Right now things are in the design phase. We started getting some of the permits, etc., but as far as construction goes it will probably be late March or April. We had an earlier meeting with USIC couple of weeks back. I think we have our engineer firm who will be handling the permits for this project. Everything is in a construction mode right now.

Ken Griffin with PSNC Energy advised that he wanted to update everyone that we currently have three or four Hydromax USA vans that are doing cross bore checks with the City of Raleigh sewer. So far here to date we have found one, but we have found several others and when that happens we will be contacting the appropriate agency with the cross bore issues. Amazingly after about a 1000 services we only have found one and that will continue on for the next several years. We are moving to other areas within the City of Raleigh sewer system like Knightdale. Just wanted to make everyone aware of that in case you do see a Hydromax USA van out on the street. Just know that they are working on behalf of PSNC Energy and we do have an inspector out there as well. We have been contacting John Sowers if we run in to any

issues. Hydromax USA makes us aware immediately if they find something and then we communicate that information to the supervisor to help identify the problem.

Ken Griffin also advised that PSNC Energy have a long term project which is called the Inactive Services and what we do is that we have a list of services that are more than five years old that have not been used and no meter. We will retire these services. The first round we went through the entire Raleigh Region and finishing it up in Sanford.

On top of that we are going back in neighborhoods and determine if we have any tracer wire problems. We went into one neighborhood in Hedingham subdivision which is right up here off of New Bern in Raleigh and found about 70 cut service lines so we will be digging those up with a vacuum truck and identify corrosion issues that might have been fiber or anything else to determine the kind of problem. We will be digging them up and checking on them and we found some neighborhoods in which they are so deteriorated that we will probably be bringing up a new project that we will be putting in a whole new gas system. The tracer wire concept came up before 2016 so we will be doing this right now anyway. We have identified that the tracer wire as being a problem in some neighborhoods. We haven't started the project yet, but S & N Communications, Inc. will be calling in the locate ticket.

Ken Griffin with PSNC Energy also acknowledge that there's a big project in Cary out at the LNG Plant and the outer loop that I call it which I believe is T-30 will start next year.

Spectrum Representative advised they took over the critical board in Raleigh and we have a contractor that tell us that they have been told to call in locates as all emergencies so that they can just go around our critical notification project. Tara Meyer advised that the critical notification is if you are boring, digging, or anything around our sewer within the City of Raleigh then you will need to call the telephone number **919-996-2797** or send an email to **WD ServiceRequest DL@Raleigh.gov**. This process will send the information to the people. What you will need to put on the email is the ticket number and contact information and someone will get back with you to schedule a date when they can go out to watch you bore or dig due to this major line. Everyone knows that water can cause a lot of damage very quickly. We just want to insure the safety of you and everyone around us. Basically go out and do like a preliminary fill to see about what's going on and once you excavate the area they will take a picture and the depth of that main. Now what might help in the long run if you are calling in a critical notification and someone is on site the best course of action would be to schedule something when you all pop the ground or pop the asphalt. What's happening is that when you call in a critical notification and they come out there and you are having to sit around for an hour or two hours and you haven't even opened the earth up yet. If you shut down the road at 9:00 then you have to set up your traffic control and everything else so respect the critical notification and plan three days ahead prior to your 72 hour notice and you schedule with Ricardo or Michelle. Then when you open the earth up then that's when you would give her a call and say we have a 4 by 4 hole that open up and we are starting to excavate and we should be down to the main in about 15 to 20 minutes. That will kind of eliminate her time and trying

to figure things out as she's having a lot of people that she have to deal with. That would be more efficient for us and you all as well and to help save time. That's pretty much the critical notification process when you are digging, boring, blasting, or anything around 16' or larger or bore within the city of Raleigh you will need to send the notification to them via email or telephone call. If you get a ticket and its coded 55 then you will know.

Robert Yu with USIC advised that work hasn't slowed down. Last time I checked there were like approximately 1200 cell towers in North Carolina. There are 800 plus miles in Raleigh and Durham. A lot of work coming down in the pipeline.

Member wanted to give us a heads up that we have had a couple of vehicles that have been hit for catalytic converter. They took out several of our vehicles. You might want to put in cameras or cage it up as they were in and out in seconds. My fleet manager have indicated that it will cost us about a \$1000 per vehicle. This happened in Greensboro, North Carolina. They are starting to hit a lot of areas in Greensboro. Our neighbors got hit and their neighbors on the other side was hit as well so these folks went through last Saturday night 1/27/18 and hit about 10-12 vehicles. We had cameras, but they wasn't pointing at the right thing. We saw shadows but that was it. Also, many of you digging around level three communications we have fiber all through the area especially Wake County. Jason Williams manage all the underground fiber for all and from Salisbury, North Carolina to South of Winston Salem to Fayetteville and we just got bought out by CenturyLink at the beginning of this year. If you have question if it's my fiber or not you can give me a call, Jason Williams at 336-215-8732.

NC811 Presentation:

- John Conner presented the NC811 report for the month of January 2018. He will be replacing Jeff Bartley who will be retiring in April 2018. **Congratulations Jeff!**
- The NC811 Center received locate request totaling **120,249** in 2017. The total locate request in **2016** was **138,076**. This was a decrease of **-12.9%**. Transmission Locate request was **775,155** in 2016. Current Locate request in Transmission was **713,122** in 2017. This was a decrease of **-8.0%**. The total number of State wide tickets for 2017 was **1,906,148** which was **-2.2%** over 2016. Total year to date of transmission tickets are **10,804,611** which is a total increase **+1.4%** over 2016.
- There was a total ticket volume of **283,032** for Wake County in 2017. The average locate per day was **1,146** base on 247 work days.
- The total county ticket distribution in Wake County was **16,629**.

Wake County Top 10 Callers

- 1) **AT&T Utility Operations, Totals 1397, Working for AT&T-Work Type Service Lines**
- 2) **Infrastructure Technology Services, Totals 1309, Working for PSNC Energy, Mains/Service Lines**

- 3) Mastec, Total 984, Working for Duke Energy, Construction
- 4) RG Communications, Inc., Totals 936, Working for Charter, Service Lines
- 5) AT&T Utility Operations, Totals 661, Working for AT&T, Service Lines
- 6) Pike Electric, Totals 635, Working for Duke Energy, Construction
- 7) Mastec, Totals 458, Working for Duke Energy, Construction
- 8) S & N Communications, Inc., Totals 430, Working for Google, Micro Trenching/Service Lines
- 9) Ansoc & Associates, LLC, Totals 281, Working for AT&T, Construction
- 10) Piedmont Utility Group, LLC, Totals 249, Spirit Communication, Placing Conduit

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.

- April 17, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm

2017 State UCC Meeting

- PSNC Energy on March 13, 2018 at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, NC 27610.

NC811 Board Meeting

- 1Q18 on April 20, 2018 at Harrah's Cherokee at 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, North Carolina



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Next UCC Meeting:

The next Wake County Utility Coordinating meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10:00 am at [PSNC Energy-South Raleigh Office](#) located at 4211 Global Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

****Please note no lunch will be provided during this meeting****

Meeting Adjourned: The Wake County Utility Coordinating Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Minutes Prepared by Tiffany Elie, PSNC Energy, Telephone Number 919-836-2439

