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Re: NC 405 – In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon v. City of Portland

Filing Center:

Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon submit its Reply Testimony regarding NC 405.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Stephanie Andrus*

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Enclosure

CASE: NC 405  
WITNESS: Kevin Hennessy

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF  
OREGON**

**STAFF EXHIBIT 200**

**REPLY TESTIMONY**

**August 31, 2023**

1 **Q. Please re-state your name, occupation, and business address.**

2 A. My name is Kevin Hennessy. I am the Chief of Pipeline Safety of the Utility Safety,  
3 Reliability and Security Division of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC).  
4 My business address is 201 High Street SE, Suite 100, Salem, Oregon 97301.

5 **Q. Have you previously submitted your educational background and work**  
6 **experience?**

7 A. Yes. My witness qualifications statement is found in Exhibit Staff/101.

8 **Q. What is the purpose of this testimony?**

9 A. I respond to testimony provided by the City of Portland, the League of Oregon Cities  
10 (LOC), and the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) regarding the  
11 Complaint issued by the OPUC against the City for failing to locate underground  
12 wastewater facilities in a City Right of Way in response to a “locate” request submitted  
13 to the Oregon Utility Notification Center (OUNC) by an excavator and forwarded to  
14 the City.

15 **Q. Did you prepare any exhibits for this testimony?**

16 A. Yes. I prepared the following supporting exhibits:

17 Exhibit Staff/201. .... Portland General Electric Company Protocols  
18 Exhibit Staff/202. ....NW Natural Gas Company “Tips of the Trade”  
19 Exhibit Staff/203. .... OUNC Ticket No. 21334979

20 **Q. Please summarize the primary issue presented in this case?**

21 A. The primary issue is whether the City, as the operator of underground wastewater  
22 facilities, is responsible under the One Call system developed under ORS 757.452-  
23 757.562 and OAR 952-001-0001 through 952-001-0100 for locating underground  
24 facilities in a City Right of Way (ROW) and used to provide City wastewater services

1 to customers, when those facilities are not owned by the City. The City asserts it is  
2 only responsible for locating underground wastewater facilities in a public ROW when  
3 it owns the facilities. Staff believes the City is responsible for performing locates for  
4 all wastewater facilities used to provide City wastewater services that are located in  
5 City ROWs, whether they are owned by the City or not.

6 **Q. Did the City's testimony provide new information that changes Staff's conclusion**  
7 **the City violated OAR 952-001-0070 by not performing locate services for**  
8 **facilities in the Ainsworth ROW after receipt of a One Call Ticket notifying the**  
9 **City of a planned excavation in the ROW?**

10 A. No. The City acknowledges that it received One Call Ticket 21334979 notifying it of  
11 an excavation and acknowledges it did not perform locating services for privately-  
12 owned wastewater facilities located in the Ainsworth ROW.<sup>1</sup> The City reiterates the  
13 explanation previously given to Staff for this failure – the City believes it is not  
14 obligated to perform locate services for privately-owned sewer facilities located in  
15 public rights of way. Instead, the City believes this obligation lies with owner of the  
16 facilities.<sup>2</sup> Staff disagrees.

17 **Q. Why does Staff disagree?**

18 A. The fundamental purpose of the One Call system is to create a comprehensive network  
19 of responsible entities that work together to protect against unintentional damage to  
20 underground facilities to protect the public safety. This purpose is not served by a  
21 system that relies on an untold number of unidentified and likely uninformed owners of

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<sup>1</sup> City of Portland/300, Hofmann/1-2.

<sup>2</sup> See City of Portland/200, Suto/3-5.

1 privately-owned utility facilities in public rights of way subscribing to the Oregon  
2 Utility Notification Center (OUNC) and performing locate services within 48 business  
3 hours of notification of a planned excavation.

4 The OUNC's system creates an unambiguous obligation on operators of  
5 underground facilities buried in public property to perform locates so the operators  
6 may factor those costs into the revenue requirement they must collect from customers.  
7 Staff recognizes that customers of utility services will bear the cost of locate services,  
8 but the customers and the public at large are the ones that benefit from the protection  
9 the One Call system provides.

10 **Q. What is the basis for the City's argument it is not obligated to locate privately-**  
11 **owned wastewater facilities in a public right of way.**

12 **A.** The City disagrees with Staff's interpretation of ORS 757.452 and implementing  
13 regulations in OAR Ch. 952. In Staff's Opening Testimony, Staff provided excerpts  
14 of OUNC Order No. 97- 001 adopting the rules at issue in OAR Ch. 952. OUNC  
15 Order No. 97- 001 includes a written explanation of the changes to OAR Ch. 952 that  
16 supports Staff's interpretation of the rules:

17 The definition of an "Operator" is found in SB 559, Section 1, (5), and states:

18 "Operator" means any person, public utility, municipal corporation,  
19 political subdivision of the state or other person with control over  
20 underground facilities. (Emphasis added)  
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23 The reasoning behind changing the concept from an "Owner" to an  
24 "Operator" is because an owner may not always have control over the buried  
25 facility. Therefore, responsibility is shifted from ownership to administrative  
26 or operational control.  
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28 For example, sewer service laterals are normally installed front the sewer  
29 main in the street to the building. The city or service district requires the

1 occupant to install the lateral, to their specifications, from the main to the  
2 building. The city or service district then asserts that the lateral is owned by  
3 the building occupant. However, the owner of the lateral has no  
4 administrative or operational control over the lateral in the right-of-way. It  
5 is controlled and operated by the city or sewer district. The portion of the  
6 lateral on private property, outside of the right-of way, becomes the  
7 responsibility of the owner, because he does have operational and  
8 administrative control.

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10 As a practical matter, the occupant would rarely have knowledge of the route  
11 of the lateral, would not have the expertise to locate it anyway, nor would he  
12 have the equipment to perform the locate.

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14 The operator of the sewer main (city or service district) would have the best  
15 knowledge of where the lateral would be (they installed it or controlled the  
16 installation) and they would have the expertise and equipment to perform the  
17 locate. If it is an "unlocatable" facility, they could provide the best  
18 information available to assist in its location.

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20 Because mandatory participation is required by SB 559, if the responsibility  
21 for marking remained with the "Owner", every person in the state of Oregon  
22 with any kind of service lateral in a right-of-way, would be required to join  
23 the Center. Hundreds of thousands of homeowners would then be forced to  
24 join the Center, which would be counterproductive.<sup>3</sup>  
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26 The City disagrees that "sewer service laterals" in public rights of way described in  
27 this passage, (laterals extending from the main branch all the way to the owner's  
28 property) are really sewer service laterals. The City testifies that it understands  
29 "sewer service laterals" to refer to publicly-owned pipes, not pipes owned by  
30 customers,<sup>4</sup> While the City will locate "sewer service laterals" – which in the City's  
31 opinion must be publicly-owned – located in public ROWs, the City will not locate

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<sup>3</sup> *In the Matter of the Adoption of OAR 952-01-0010 through 952-01-0090*, UNC 1, OUNC Order No. 97-001, App. B, p. 2.

<sup>4</sup> City of Portland/200, Suto/3.

1 privately-owned pipes in public ROWs that extend from the publicly-owned facilities  
2 to a customer's property.<sup>5</sup>

3 **Q. Is the City's interpretation of language included in OUNC Order No. 97-001**  
4 **plausible?**

5 A. No. The proper interpretation of the history underlying OUNC Order No. 97-001 does  
6 not turn on semantics or the proper term for the facilities at issue. The history  
7 excerpted above explains that facilities addressed by the legislation and implementing  
8 rules are those that extend from the sewer main in the street to the customer's  
9 property. When these facilities (those that extend from the sewer main to the  
10 customers' property) are not located on private property, they are not within the  
11 control of the customer and not operated by the customer. Instead, these facilities,  
12 privately-owned or not, are operated by the service provider that provides service  
13 through the facilities.

14 **Q. Does the City make other arguments in support of its claim it is not obligated to**  
15 **locate privately-owned facilities in public ROWs?**

16 A. The City disagrees that requiring property owners to locate privately-owned facilities  
17 in public ROWs is an ineffective means of ensuring excavators are notified of  
18 underground facilities. The City notes that when it issues an "encroachment permit"  
19 for private facilities located in ROWs, it requires the permittee to submit a map of the  
20 facilities, register the facilities with the OUNC, and perform locate service if asked to  
21 do so. To prepare property owners for performing locate services, the City provides

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<sup>5</sup> City of Portland/200, Suto/3.

1 encroachment permittees with a list of licensed contractors who have indicated they  
2 provide sewer connection services in the Portland metro-area.<sup>6</sup>

3 **Q. Why is the City's encroachment permit process insufficient to protect the public?**

4 A. The City's argument is predicated on several unsupportable assumptions: (1) every  
5 owner of private facilities in ROWs ("owner") is aware the facilities exist, (2) every  
6 owner of such facilities will obtain an encroachment permit, (3) every owner  
7 regardless of whether they have an encroachment permit, will register with the OUNC,  
8 and (4) every owner will have a system in place to provide locating and marking  
9 response to notification tickets in a 48 business hour period, i.e., will have a contractor  
10 on call or have educated themselves on how to locate facilities for purposes of the One  
11 Call program. Simply put, there is no way to ensure that the owner of every privately-  
12 owned facility in a public ROW will participate in the One Call program.  
13 Consequently, excavators will inevitably dig in public areas such as ROWs,  
14 incorrectly assuming the appropriate people have been notified of the excavation and  
15 have located facilities within the excavation area.

16 Further, comparing the City's encroachment permit process to the protocols for  
17 performing locates of a different underground facilities operator, in this case Portland  
18 General Electric Company (PGE), demonstrates the inadequacy of a process that relies  
19 on various utility customers rather than the utility provider. Staff Exhibit 201 is a  
20 copy of PGE's protocols for compliance with OAR Ch. 952 and the One Call system.  
21 PGE's protocols include an eight-page detailed description of how locates are to be

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<sup>6</sup> City of Portland/100, Gualotunia/4-5.



1 performed and describes how periodic reviews of PGE's compliance with One Call  
2 regulations will be conducted. PGE's Protocol lists criteria for periodic review of  
3 effectiveness and identification of best practices as follows:

- 4 • Monthly scheduled meetings to review leading and lagging indicators,  
5 associated with labor resources, training and skill development, including  
6 review of ticket volume, timeliness, escalated tickets, QA/QC inspections, total  
7 damages, and safety incidents.
- 8 • Ongoing reviews of [Locate Service Provider's] LSP's safety, training, and OJI  
9 (On the Job Inspection) programs.
- 10 • Enhanced review of damage investigations; including tracking of timeliness of  
11 incident response, accuracy and completeness of reports, and number of at  
12 faults.
- 13 • Participate in the OAR/ORS, MUCC and CGA Committee meetings to stay  
14 aligned with best practices.
- 15 • Annual review of the current practices outlined in PGE's Line Locating  
16 Improvements & Procedure document, to revise and adopt best practices as  
17 needed.

18 When viewed in the context of the rigor of PGE's protocols for compliance with  
19 OAR Ch. 952, the City's process of telling a subset of owners of private facilities in  
20 ROWs (the subset being those that have been identified by the City and have received  
21 encroachment permits) to subscribe to the OUNC and providing them a list of  
22 companies that perform locate services, is clearly inadequate. Rather than the more  
23 haphazard system proposed by the City in this docket, the OUNC implemented a one-

1 call notification system that places the burden of locates underground facilities  
2 located in public property with the entities that provide service through the  
3 underground facilities even when the facilities are customer-owned.

4 **Q. Is there really any harm to the public if privately-owned wastewater facilities in  
5 public ROWs are not properly located prior to an excavation.**

6 A. Yes. For example, Staff Exhibit 202 is a circular by Northwest Natural Gas Company  
7 warning of the dangers of “cross-bores” into unmarked sewer facilities:

8 **Natural Gas Lines May Cross Sewer Lines**

9 Many utilities, including NW Natural, install some  
10 underground utility lines using a trenchless method that drills  
11 horizontally through the ground. This method minimizes  
12 damage to pavement and landscaping. However, if a sewer line  
13 wasn't mapped or installed with tracing technology and  
14 couldn't be located on the property, it's possible that our  
15 drilling equipment crossed through it. Gas lines that have been  
16 directly through sewer lines are known as “cross bores.”

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18 **Know the Dangers**

19 A cross bore in a sewer lateral will impede flow and lead to  
20 eventual blockage. A worker who attempts to remove the  
21 blockage can accidentally cut the gas line and could cause the  
22 dangerous release of gas. The resulting loss of service may not  
23 be immediately apparent. Gas can migrate undetected through  
24 the lateral and concentrate in sewer lines and nearby structures,  
25 causing a potential hazard.<sup>7</sup>  
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27 **Q. The City of Portland maintenance supervisor asserts the City located City-  
28 owned underground facilities on NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street after receipt of One Call ticket  
29 number 21334979, and therefore did not fail to perform its obligations under**

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<sup>7</sup> Staff/203, NW Natural “Tips of the Trade”.

1           **OAR Ch. 952.<sup>8</sup> Do you agree the City properly provided locate services in**  
2           **response to One Call ticket 21334979?**

3           A. No. It appears the City located facilities on NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street, the street on which the  
4           sewer main runs that is perpendicular to the Ainsworth ROW. Even if the City did  
5           locate facilities on NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street, the City admittedly did not locate underground  
6           sewer facilities located in the Ainsworth ROW, which are the facilities at issue in the  
7           Complaint.

8           **Q. The League of Oregon Cities is concerned that if the Commission adopts Staff’s**  
9           **position, LOC’s member cities would be required “to mark every underground**  
10           **utility, whether publicly or privately owned, within city-managed ROWs.”<sup>9</sup> Is the**  
11           **LOC’s interpretation of Staff’s position, correct?**

12           A. No. Staff’s position is not that a city must locate all privately-owned underground  
13           facilities in all the municipality ROWs whether the facilities are used to provide City  
14           services or not. Instead, Staff’s position is that cities must locate underground facilities  
15           used in the provision of city services, such as wastewater services, when those facilities  
16           are located on public property. Cities are not responsible for locating private facilities  
17           used to provide non-city services, i.e., cable television, electricity supplied by non-city  
18           supplier, or natural gas no matter where they are located. Further, if a city provides no  
19           services through underground facilities, it is not obligated to locate underground  
20           facilities in city ROWs. Staff agrees that there should be no ambiguity on the point and  
21           supports the Commission making this clarification in its Final Order.

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<sup>8</sup> City of Portland/300, Hoffman/1-2.

<sup>9</sup> LOC/100, Pierce/1-2.

1 **Q. ACWA testifies “[t]heir agencies often face tight budgets and have a duty to spend**  
2 **public dollars for public purposes, not private benefit[,] and that it is**  
3 **inappropriate to place the “tremendous additional burden and potential liability**  
4 **on public agencies that should be borne by the private owner.”<sup>10</sup> Do you agree?**

5 A. I do not dispute that municipalities have tight budgets but disagree with the assertion  
6 that performing locates on privately-owned facilities located in public ROWs is a  
7 private benefit and not a public purpose. Damage to underground facilities can lead to  
8 harm that affects many people in the area, not just the customer served by the  
9 underground facilities. Preventing damage to underground facilities located on public  
10 property and used in the provision of municipal services is a public benefit, whether the  
11 underground facilities are publicly-owned or privately-owned. Further, a city’s  
12 obligation to locate privately-owned facilities in public rights of way that are used to  
13 provide city services is not new. The cost of this obligation is appropriately included  
14 in the revenue requirement for the city service.

15 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

16 A. Yes.

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<sup>10</sup> ACWA/100, Smith/1-2.

CASE: NC 405  
WITNESS: Kevin Hennessy

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF  
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**STAFF EXHIBIT 201**

**Portland General Electric Company Protocols**

**August 31, 2023**



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Re: NC 395 - Public Utility Commission of Oregon v. Portland General Electric  
Company

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for electronic filing today in the above-captioned docket is documentation regarding PGE's revised policy pursuant to Order No. 21-334.

Should you have any questions or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cece L. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Re: Response to Stipulation and Final Order No 21-334 in Docket NC 395

To Whom It May Concern:

The following represents PGE's revised procedures (policy) in response to OPUC Order No. 21-334 and the Stipulation adopted therein in docket NC 395, on October 21, 2021. The following is also consistent with and has been incorporated into the policy that PGE previously provided on August 18, 2018 in Docket NC 383, under Commission Order No. 18-222 (See the attached redlined version of *PGE's Line Locating Improvements & Procedure document, Rev. 2, 11/19/21*).

The investigation of this complaint, in collaboration with the OPUC, resulted in an internal review of PGE's damage prevention program and procedures. The review focused on compliance with Chapter 952 of the OARs and lessons learned as a result of the complaint filed in NC 395. Our review has identified ways to strengthen PGE's internal quality assurance processes and those of PGE's locate service providers (LSPs).

Action items have been identified to address circumstances, similar to those identified in the complaint, with the intent to avoid occurrences that pose potential risk to safety and/or property damage. PGE has worked closely with our LSPs, internal locate technicians, OUNC one-call center, our ticket management services, and the OPUC staff to find appropriate means and methods to identify and timely manage a more meaningful exchange of information within the locate ticket process.

PGE is committed to continuous improvement measures, including but not limited to setting expectations that are focused on confirming the precise location and directions noted on a locate ticket, to ensure the locate technician understands the request and needs of the ticket requester, and exercises the proper communication skills, in addition to their technical skills, to accomplish the requested locate successfully.

We have reviewed our program's quality assurance measures and established new performance standards to obtain confirmation that our internal and external locaters understand and deliver services to meet the expectations established by both Division 952 of the OARs and the Commission. We will track results and benchmark findings associated with these new performance standards to drive continuous improvements as we go along.

PGE is committed to remaining a leader when it comes to compliance with the Oregon Dig laws and will continue to be an active participant with the OUCC, OUNC, MUCC, CGA, and the OPUC to promote safety related to excavation issues. We will continue our work with our service providers to ensure they too are committed and accountable to educate, improve, and deliver results that meet the intent of the rules, and maintain focus on the safety of our public, private, and commercial customers who utilize the 811 locate ticket process.

Thank you for your direction and partnership in our ongoing commitment to safety and damage prevention.

Sincerely,

*Larry Melzer*

Larry Melzer (Nov 19, 2021 16:12 PST)

Larry Melzer  
Supervisor, Construction Management Contract Services & Inspection  
Portland General Electric Company

[The remainder of this page was intentionally left blank; the Summary of Enhanced Processes adopted by PGE in response to Order No. 21-334 is attached]



## Summary of Enhanced Processes Adopted by PGE to comply with Order 21-334

The content below reflects PGE's detailed responses to each of the areas identified in the stipulation (subpart E, sections 1-7) as they were adopted in Order No 21-334, along with an additional section (Section 8) that outlines some continuous improvement efforts that PGE is committed to undertake in 2021/2022.

### **1) Description of the purpose of the policy and commitment thereof by leadership, management, and employees.**

The driver behind the implementation of this policy is PGE's focus on safety and the desire to reduce or avoid dig-in incidents that threaten the safety of workers and the public, damages to property, interruptions of service to our customer, and costly repairs to or replacements of utility facilities. PGE's leadership, management, and employees are dedicated to putting safety first and achieving compliance with the OARs established by the OUNC, through both effective communication and engagement. We are equally committed to hiring LSPs that share our commitments toward safety and compliance through these means. We believe that it is through adherence to established practices and procedures, the use of data analysis, and implementation of industry best practices, that PGE can combat the risk that the dig laws are designed to prevent.

### **2) Identification of the means and systematic process of receiving, recording, and dispatching all notification information as collected by the OUNC's one-call vendor.**

PGE's damage prevention program employs UtiliSphere—an automated, compatible 811 ticket management platform—to receive tickets and information as collected by the OUNC on their UtiliSphere platform, to process, screen, record, route and dispatch each ticket directly to PGE's LSP through their separate Q-Manager software. The specific steps of the process are more fully described in the section below regarding *Line Locating Procedures for PGE Service Provider*.

### **3) Identification of the means to ensure notification management software is compatible in order to receive all notification information administered by the OUNC's one-call vendor.**

There are frequent (usually weekly) communications between the OUNC, PGE's LSP and PGE's Geospatial IT departments to ensure compatibility of systems/software. PGE provides geospatial updates to all users every two weeks.

### **4) Identification of the notifications and types of responses for marking underground facilities**

PGE and our contracted LSP are accountable for all standard (2 full business days), emergency (as quickly as possible), and design/pre-survey (10 business days) locate requests. Types of responses from the LSP for marking include: 1) Update ticket status providing ticket detail information for marked or absence of facilities; 2) email notice to requestor providing ticket

status and 3) an Electronic Positive Response (“EPR”)—provides detailed ticket information including confirmation of marking status, site photos and related communications(e.g.: documentation of phone conversations or email exchange with requestor), via email to the requestor when email address provided.

**5) Identification of the tasks assigned to participants by title or position and their roles and responsibilities in the workflow process**

- OUNC (Oregon Utility Notification Center) receives locate requests from the excavator, either by phone via OUNC call center or through the automated UtiliSphere platform. The OUNC then notifies PGE through UtiliSphere platform of each request to locate, providing details and location information (polygon) provided by the requestor. The OUNC is the office of record for all tickets and attachments submitted by the requestor for a 90-day period.
- Locate requests are then routed directly to PGE as the operator through PGE’s UtiliSphere platform and then routed to the LSP through its Q-manager automation system in quarter-minute sections based on established PGE district codes. Prior to marking, the operator reviews the ticket for completeness and ensures that all information on the request is complete. If the operator determines that a request is not clear, the operator contacts the primary or alternate point of contact on the ticket to obtain clarification on the marking instructions. The operator notes clarification and communication exchange with the requestor on the ticket.
- The operator marks the underground facilities or indicates facilities are clear of the proposed excavation area, attaches all communications and photos, and closes the ticket in Q-manager which then communicates through the UtiliSphere platform and triggers a notification to the excavator, providing an updated status of the ticket.
- PGE’s Supervisor of Construction Management Contract Services & Inspection is ultimately accountable for ensuring the workflow process is monitored and modified procedures, as needed, to adapt to new issues that arise. PGE also ensures that its contracts with its LSPs contain scopes of work sufficiently detailed to comply with PGE’s procedures and Division 952 of the OARs and implements corrective actions with PGE’s employees or PGE’s contracted LSP’s when deemed necessary and appropriate.

**6) Identification of the technology or systems and methods used throughout the policy that enabled the completion of identified tasks**

PGE utilizes the UtiliSphere platform that is 811 System compatible for ticket and mobile workforce management to enable automated ticket processing, screening, recording, routing, and dispatching. PGE and its LSPs utilize ARCFM Viewer and/or MyWorld geospatial map data to identify the location of PGE’s underground facilities. Tickets are routed using Q-Manager to either the LSP or PGE’s Power Quality Department to perform the locate and complete the ticket in the UtiliSphere platform, which then triggers a notification to the excavator with an updated status of the ticket.

## **7) Establish criteria for periodic review of effectiveness and identification of best practices**

PGE considers the following criteria to determine effectiveness and identification of best practices:

Monthly scheduled meetings to review leading and lagging indicators associated with labor resources, training, and skill development, including review of ticket volume, timeliness, escalated tickets, QA/QC inspections, total damages, and safety incidents.

- Ongoing reviews of LSP's safety, training, and OJI (On the Job Inspection) programs.
- Enhanced review of damage investigations; including tracking of timeliness of incident response, accuracy and completeness of reports, and number of at faults.
- Participation in the OAR/ORS, MUCC and CGA Committee meetings to stay aligned with best practices.
- Annual review of the current practices outlined in the most current version of *PGE's Line Locating Improvements & Procedure document*, to revise and adopt best practices as needed.

## **8) Continuous improvement efforts for 2021/2022**

- PGE is conducting pilot programs with excavators to acquire GPS data on installation of underground facilities to integrate data collected to PGE's geospatial platforms for record of underground electrical facilities.
- Piloting a LSP map field correction process to integrate with PGE's geospatial information.
- Continue to research and leverage technology to implement process improvements.



# Line Locating Practices and & Procedure

Rev. 2 ev.2,  
11/18/21

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to capture PGE's Line Locating Practices and Procedures for consistent program management, documentation of continuous improvement practices and adherence to the Oregon ~~Statute ORS~~[Administrative Rules for the Oregon Utility Notification Center, Chapter 952-001-0001](#). ~~After reviewing PGE's and PGE's LSP policies and procedures, PGE has addressed and introduced improvements into this written procedure.~~

## Commitment of PGE leadership, management, and employees

The driver behind the implementation of this policy is PGE's focus on safety and the desire to reduce or avoid dig-in incidents that threaten the safety of workers and the public, damages to property, interruptions of service to our customer, and costly repairs to or replacements of utility facilities. PGE's leadership, management, and employees are dedicated to putting safety first and achieving compliance with the OARs established by the OUNC, through both effective communication and engagement. We are equally committed to hiring LSPs that share our commitments toward safety and compliance through these means. We believe that it is through adherence to established practices and procedures, the use of data analysis, and implementation of industry best practices, that PGE can combat the risk that the dig laws are designed to prevent.

## References

OAR 952-001-001  
OPUC Chapter 860 Division 24 Safety Standards  
LSP Master Purchase Agreement  
PGE's Work Practice  
PGE's Safety Manual  
PGE Repair/PSLD Policy for Facility Damage Calls (Attachment A)

## **Damage prevention Program's Enhanced Processes Adopted by PGE to comply with Order 21-334 overview.**

### **Criteria for periodic review of effectiveness and identification of best practices**

- PGE considers the following criteria to determine effectiveness and identification of best practices:
  - Monthly scheduled meetings to review leading and lagging indicators, associated with labor resources, training and skill development, including review of ticket volume, timeliness, escalated tickets, QA/QC inspections, total damages, and safety incidents.
  - Ongoing reviews of LSP's safety, training, and OJI (On the Job Inspection) programs.
  - Enhanced review of damage investigations; including tracking of timeliness of incident response, accuracy and completeness of reports, and number of at faults.
  - Participate in the OAR/ORS, MUCC and CGA Committee meetings to stay aligned with best practices.
  - Annual review of the current practices outlined in PGE's Line Locating Improvements & Procedure document, to revise and adopt best practices as needed.

### **Identification of the technology or systems and methods used throughout the policy that enabled the completion of identified tasks**

PGE utilizes the UtiliSphere platform that is 811 System compatible for ticket and mobile workforce management to enable automated ticket processing, screening, recording, routing, and dispatching. PGE and its LSPs utilize ARCFM Viewer and/or MyWorld geospatial map data to identify the location of PGE's underground facilities. Tickets are routed using Q-Manager to either the LSP or PGE's Power Quality Department to perform the locate and complete the ticket in the UtiliSphere platform, which then triggers a notification to the excavator with an updated status of the ticket.

### **Identification of the means to ensure notification management software is compatible in order to receive all notification information administered by the OUNC's one-call vendor.**

There are frequent (usually weekly) communications between the OUNC, PGE's LSP and PGE's Geospatial IT departments to ensure compatibility of systems/software. PGE provides geospatial updates to all users every two weeks.

### **Identification of the means and systematic process of receiving, recording, and dispatching all notification information as collected by the OUNC's one-call vendor.**

PGE's damage prevention program employs Utilisphere—an automated, compatible 811 ticket management platform—to receive tickets and information as collected by the OUNC on their UtiliSphere platform, and to process, screen, record, route and dispatch each ticket directly to PGE's LSP through their separate Q-Manager software. The specific steps of the process are more fully described in the section below regarding Line Locating Procedures for PGE Service Provider.

**Identification of the notifications and types of responses for marking underground facilities**

PGE and our contracted LSP are accountable for all standard (2 full business days), emergency (as quickly as possible), and design/pre-survey (10 business days) locate requests. Types of responses from the LSP for marking include:

- 1) an updated ticket status, providing ticket detail information for either marked facilities or the absence of facilities;
- 2) emailed notice to requestor providing ticket status, and
- 3) an Electronic Positive Response (“EPR”)—providing detailed ticket information including confirmation of marking status, site photos and related communications (e.g., documentation of phone conversations or email exchange with requestor), via email to the requestor when email address provided.

**Identification of the tasks assigned to participants by title or position and their roles and responsibilities in the workflow process**

- OUNC (Oregon Utility Notification Center) receives locate requests from the excavator, either by phone via OUNC call center or through the automated Utilisphere platform. The OUNC then notifies PGE through Utilisphere platform of each request to locate, providing details and location information (polygon) provided by the requestor. The OUNC is the office of record for all tickets and attachments submitted by the requestor for a 90-day period.
- Locate requests are then routed directly to PGE as the operator through PGE’s Utilisphere platform and then routed to the LSP through its Q-manager automation system in quarter-minute sections based on established PGE district codes. Prior to marking, the operator reviews the ticket for completeness and ensures that all information on the request is complete. If the operator determines that a request is not clear, the operator contacts the primary or alternate point of contact on the ticket to obtain clarification on the marking instructions. The operator notes clarification and communication exchange with the requestor on the ticket.
- The operator marks the underground facilities or indicates facilities are clear of the proposed excavation area, attaches all communications and photos, and closes the ticket in Q-manager which then communicates through the UtiliSphere platform and triggers a notification to the excavator, providing an updated status of the ticket.
- PGE’s Supervisor of Construction Management Contract Services & Inspection is ultimately accountable for ensuring the workflow process is monitored and procedures modified, as needed, to adapt to new issues that arise. The Supervisor also ensures that PGE’s contracts with its LSPs contain scopes of work sufficiently detailed to comply with PGE’s procedures and Division 952 of the OARs and implements corrective actions with PGE’s employees or PGE’s contracted LSP’s when deemed necessary and appropriate.

**Establish criteria for periodic review of effectiveness and identification of best practices**

PGE utilizes the following criteria to determine the effectiveness of its program and to identify new best practices:

- Monthly scheduled meetings to review leading and lagging indicators associated with labor resources, training, and skill development, including review of ticket volume, timeliness, escalated tickets, QA/QC inspections, total damages, and safety incidents.
- Ongoing reviews of LSP's safety, training, and OJI (On the Job Inspection) programs.
- Enhanced review of damage investigations; including tracking of timeliness of incident response, accuracy and completeness of reports, and number of at faults.
- Participation in the OAR/ORS, MUCC and CGA Committee meetings to stay aligned with best practices.
- Annual review of the current practices outlined in the most current version of PGE's *Line Locating Improvements & Procedure* document to revise and/or adopt new best practices, as needed.

## **Line Locating Procedures for PGE Service Provider**

1 Identify the Work Area

1.1 One-Call Request for Location of Underground Facilities (OUNC 811)

- Refer to OPUC Chapter 860 Division 24 Safety Standards

1.2 PGE's LSP review of the Ticket

1.2.1 Confirm the date, time and using the Company's maps and records, determine if a visual examination is required. Determine completion deadlines for the following ticket types:

- Standard notification – LSP to complete within 2 business days
- Emergency notification- LSP Respond as Quickly as possible
- Design/Pre-Survey notification - Within 10 business days after a designer notifies the Oregon Utility Notification Center (OUNC) of a proposed project, the operator of the underground facility shall mark with reasonable accuracy all its locatable underground facilities.
- Policy has been implemented (see *Attachment A - Repair/PSLD Policy for Facility Damage Calls*) that puts responsibility on Repair Dispatch/PSLD to notify LSP within 15 minutes of a PGE crew arriving on site that has responded to a dig-in. A notification to the CS&I's email mailbox is to follow, including simultaneous notification to PGE service providers by CS&I and an acknowledgement receipt

from LSP. This action will provide an enhanced review of damage including tracking of timeliness of incident response, accuracy and completeness of reports, and number of at faults.

1.2.2 LSP reviews maps, records and dig site location of work, to determine PGE has utility assets at the location of the ticket. If assets are documented, a visual examination is required at the excavation site to mark the location of facilities or identify absence of facilities at the location as the ticket defines.

1.2.3 If a visual examination is not required, LSP informs the requester through positive response notification. LSP is responsible and accountable for the method and adequacy of excavator notification and marks the ticket accordingly.

1.2.4 LSP verifies the work area matches the description of the ticket.

1.2.5 The description is required to include the date, location, type of work and contact information for the excavator or designer. PGE design sketches will be attached to all locate requests. This will allow the LSP to have access to a PGE design sketch without having to request it prior to leaving for the field or while in the field.

### 1.3 Quality Assurance by LSP

1.3.1 Field Check Audit Process: LSP's quality assurance program is focused on creating a culture that drives exceptional behaviors and performance and consists of an internal quality audit process detailed below.

LSP Audit Process:

1.3.1.1 The documentation created through pre- excavation photos is immediately delivered electronically to the quality audit process, which uses Field Check software to document findings

1.3.1.2 The documentation is then received by Field Check Auditors who review the photos and other supporting documentation. An audit consists of a review of the work completed comparing facility records with the photos to ensure that all known facilities are properly accounted for.

1.3.1.3 If quality failures are noted during the audit process, a field quality auditor or supervisor is immediately dispatched back to the job site for corrective action. The electronic audit process is supplemented by field auditors performing worksite visits where they review and validate the locate quality.

1.3.1.4 Through the audit process, Contractor uses a focused approach, rather than the traditional random audit. With this approach we can target technicians based on Field Check results and experience levels, as well as the facility type where we focus on high profile locations to enhance quality performance and reduce damages.

1.3.1.5 The results and findings from completed audits are summarized and reviewed weekly by PGE's LSP through a quality review board process (QRB). These



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review board sessions are conducted with the technician, supervisor and manager reviewing the details of the findings, identifying the root cause and taking required corrective actions. Quality errors resulting in damages are reviewed by senior management with local field management on a weekly basis.

1.3.1.6 The review process is focused on eliminating damages by determining the root cause and taking corrective actions. PGE's LSP performance meetings occur on a monthly cadence. Reporting includes but is not limited to, total number of locate requests, damage ratio (number of damages/1000 tickets) and a quality assurance (QA) locator report.

1.3.2 Field Audit Process: The electronic audit process is supplemented by field quality auditors performing worksite visits where they review and validate the locate quality and accuracy.

1.3.2.1 Through our audit process, we use a focused approach, rather than the traditional random audit. With this approach we target technicians based on Field Check results and experience levels as well as the facility type focusing on high-risk locations to enhance quality performance and reduce damages.

1.3.2.2 The results and findings from completed audits are summarized and reviewed weekly by Contractors management through a quality review board (QRB) process. These review board sessions are conducted with the technician, supervisor and manager reviewing the details of the findings, identifying the root cause and taking required corrective actions. Quality errors resulting in damages are reviewed by senior management with local field management on a weekly basis. The review process is focused on eliminating damages by determining the root cause and taking corrective actions.

1.3.3 Technical Proficiency Reviews (TPR): Upon graduating from training, or anytime corrective action is deemed necessary due to questionable quality, a TPR may be performed on a technician. Designed to observe and document the employee's technical capabilities, these reviews cover all aspects of the National Utility Locating Contractors Association (NULCA) and service's provider's training programs/documentation and are designed to enable coaching and skill-gap training to improve performance.

1.3.4 Job Safety Observations (JSO): LSP also employs a JSO application to ensure that employees are working in a safe and efficient manner. All employees are required to receive a JSO at least once each 30 calendar days. Inspection of their work vehicle, tools, and work habits is tied to both safety and quality assurance.

#### 1.4 White Paint

1.4.1 For PGE Locate requests, LSP verifies a Verify PGE representative marked the work area to delineate excavation location.

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1.4.2 White paint is not required to delineate work area if the operator can precisely determine the direction, length, and location of the proposed work by referring to a locate ticket. If locate description does not precisely note the direction, length, and location of the excavation the LSP will contact the requester's contacts immediately by phone or email and will document the ticket accordingly.

1.4.3 When needed, before beginning the work, a PGE representative and LSP operator meet at the work site to exchange information that delineates work area.

1.5 No Facilities in Work Area

1.5.1 If there are no facilities in the work area:

1.5.1.2 Locate ticket is commented "No PGE facilities"

1.5.1.2 Locator paints inside or near the work area "No PGE"

2. DIAGNOSTIC CHECK OF THE LINE LOCATE EQUIPMENT

2.1 Check the Equipment

2.1.1 A diagnostic test is required to be performed prior to use daily.

2.1.2 The steps for this process may vary by type of line locating equipment. Supervisor inspects monthly

3. PERFORM LINE LOCATING

3.1. Line Locating Methods

3.1.1. Perform line locations by using visual keys (risers, valve boxes, regulator stations, vent points, etc.) when present and both of the following methods:

- Electronic line locators or acoustic pipe tracers
- Documentation
- When facilities cannot be identified by documentation, visual keys are to be used as the second method. In areas where documentation cannot be referenced with existing landmarks, electronic equipment may be used independently. If the facility cannot be located electronically, the LSP shall inform the requester, who shall pothole the excavation site.

3.1.3 Anytime lines are potholed by PGE, accurate measurements shall be taken and documented along with any appropriate documentation to correct any discrepancies.

3.1.4 Once completed, the Unusual Operating Condition (UOC) documentation or electronic equivalent will then be forwarded to PGE Engineering for updating of the map(s).

3.1.5 Estimated facility depths will not be provided to contractors or customers with paint markings.

4. UNDERGROUND FACILITIES WILL BE MARKED WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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(As per OAR 952-001-0070 (7))

<i>Symbology</i>	<i>To Indicate</i>
Red	Electric power lines, cables or conduit, and lighting cables
Yellow	Gas, oil, steam, petroleum, or other hazardous liquid or gaseous materials
Orange	Communications, cable TV, alarm or signal lines, cables, or conduits
Blue	Water and irrigation lines, sewers, drainage facilities, or other drain lines
White	Pre-marking of the outer limits of the proposed excavation or marking the centerline and width of proposed lineal installations of buried facilities
Pink	Temporary survey markings
Purple	Slurry and reclaimed
White with Red Dot	PGE Special Testers

4.1 Line Markings:

- Substation polygons are noted by code with the One Call Center. Requested locates that would normally go to PGE service providers, are to be located by PGE Special Testers. The polygons for substations and other critical facilities will be created established with a 50-ft buffer zone outside the fence of the substation. Inside substation polygons, locates are required for all excavation work and are performed by PGE Special Testers.
- PGE Special Testers paint their locate marks with white paint and a red dot in the white mark to eliminate confusion caused by when a special tester put red marks on the ground, as PGE’s service provider also puts red marks on the ground for power. This delineates the locate marks, and reduces risk in critical areas
- LSP, at a minimum, will place markings within the proposed area and extend the markings 2 feet outside the area.
- NOTE: Placing markings 2 feet outside the area may not always be practical due to accessibility. If accessibility is impractical, the excavator must be informed that there are facilities that extend outside the proposed work area and the additional 2 feet will be marked if specifically requested. This must be documented on the original ticket
- Markings should be approximately 18 inches long and 1 inch wide
- Markings shall not exceed 50 feet spacing
- For service lines on private property, use 2-inch painted dots, with a maximum of 10 feet spacing on hard surface only

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- At street crossings, place markings on each side of the street, with at least one mark in the middle of the street, provide additional marks as necessary
- "Offset" markings/staking should clearly indicate the direction, distance and path of the facility
- Communications/electric facility markings must contain the lettering of the utility to distinguish Company facilities from other utilities
- Facilities installed in a casing/sleeve must be identified as such, when known
- Mark substructures such as vaults, pits, etc., that are physically larger than the obvious surface indication to define the parameters of the structure.
- Critical PGE facilities, as identified by GIS, are located by PGE Special Testers such as Substation getaways, critical feeders, outside substations.
- In certain situations where locators cannot locate a primary or secondary conductor, the locator will contact the area supervisor who will then contact PGE Power Quality and request a special tester to assist.

4.2 Approved Marking Materials

- In paved areas - approved paint
- In unpaved areas - approved paint, stakes, flags, whiskers
- NOTE: Site conditions such as wet surfaces and overgrown vegetation should be considered. Appropriate markings materials shall be used for visibility.

4.3 Inaccurate Line Markings

4.3.1 When inaccurate line markings are found at a job site, remove or paint over. When appropriate, use these colors for these surface areas:

- Black spray paint for asphalt

4.4 Trouble Locate Investigation

4.4.1 Notification When the facility has been determined as unlocatable, the following reporting process will be used.

4.4.1.1 Company/contractor will notify the PGE representative that a trouble locate exists with PGE facilities that may conflict with the excavator's work area.

4.4.1.2 A trouble locate request will be submitted to PGE's Power Quality Specialists as soon as practical to minimize wait time and job delay. This creates a work order for a PGE Special Tester.

4.4.1.4 At a minimum, the company will comply with all state laws and regulations prior to potholing.

4.3.2 Investigation

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4.3.2.1 Trouble locates will be investigated as soon as possible by the Contractor's supervisor and locate technician.

4.3.3 Removal of marks

4.3.3.1 Remove and/or cover over inaccurate line markings with black paint, dots, or any markings laced to determine trouble locate area to avoid confusion from approved markings.

5. LOCATING DEVICES

5.1. Radio detection

5.1.1. Service provider uses radio detection RD7100 precision underground service and utilities locator.

5.2. Marker Balls Used by PGE

5.2.1. Marker balls are small self-contained transmitters that can be located by a compatible locator receiver.

5.2.2. The marker balls mode shall be selected on the approved compatible locator receiver utilizing a manufacture approved frequency (HZ).

5.2.3. Marker ball mode uses antenna in a "peak" configuration.

5.2.4. Prior to utilizing the marker ball, verify the unit is operational by turning it on and utilizing the appropriate receiver to test for signal strength.

5.2.5. Always use operator approved marking procedures to identify the location when utilizing a marker ball to locate pipe, fittings, squeezes, etc.

5.3. Standards Electronic technology Improvements

5.3.1. PGE Standards department to researched options for installing tracer wire in conduit/vaults, and modifications to existing vaults/lids with external ground lug along with the use of marker balls.

6. PROVISION OF INFORMATION PRIOR TO MAPPING

6.1 Unmapped Services

6.1.1 The intent of this procedure is to provide visual and written information to Line Locating personnel in cases where a service line has been installed but the information has not yet been entered into the GIS mapping system.

6.1.2 Symbols are provided in Field Check software that can provide additional facility location information. These symbols can mean facilities have been installed, replaced, retired, and provide additional information. The Work Request (WR) box, under layers, must be selected to view these symbols. The WR can also be used to view additional facility documentation.

6.1.3 For residential locations, options include but are not limited to:

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- Marking paint, whiskers, curb markers, etc.

6.1.4. Mapping updates from PGE GIS department to both OUNC and PGE service providers have been increased to a frequency from quarterly to bi-monthly for OUNC, and from monthly to bi-weekly for PGE's LSPs.

7. CRITICAL FACILITY PROCEDURE

7.1 Excavation around Critical Facilities

7.1.1 If the requested work area crosses critical facilities

7.1.1.1 Critical facilities for PGE are inside of substations and outside of substations with a 50ft buffer zone.

- OUNC after receiving the locate request, verifies polygons in their mapping system and if a polygon exists within these parameters, rejects the ticket, which then notifies PGE Power Quality to proceed with sending a PGE special tester to complete the locate request.

8. DOCUMENTATION & RECORD RETENTION

8.1 Documentation

9.1.1 In cases where the One-Call Center is closed, or not available PGE locates their own facilities for emergency locates. 48hr locate requests can be generated 24hrs/day, 7 days/week. Upon receipt, each locate request will be recorded and each locate will be performed within the required time frame. This process may also be used if the facility has not been located within the time specified by law and the excavator wishes to contact PGE directly to help resolve the issue.

8.2 Record retention

8.2.1 Record retention is 6 years.

## **ATTACHMENT A: REPAIR/LDCC POLICY FOR FACILITY DAMAGE CALLS**

PGE Repair Dispatch and LDCC (Line Dispatch Crew Coordination) are accountable for notifying PGE LSP immediately when a damage call is received. This policy is put into place to prevent discrepancies on "who's at fault" and to have a PGE service provider damage investigator on-site prior to the repair being made and the damaged location backfilled. Safety and PGE's commitment to reduce the number of disputes on dig-ins are the drivers of this policy. PGE has an obligation to the OPUC to act on reducing damage to PGE underground conductors and to increase the accuracy of PGE service provider markings in the field.

When a PGE underground conductor is damaged in the field, the excavator or requester calls Repair Dispatch (or LDCC) and the following procedures take place:

- An outage record is created, and a crew/or Repairman is dispatched
- Once onsite, the damaged conductor or facility is identified and verified to be a PGE conductor or facility
- Crew or Repairman shall take photos to define the dig in location and depth and attach to the work order for future reference
- The crew or Repairman calls Repair Dispatch, or LDCC to request a crew and/or equipment needed
- Repair Dispatch or LDCC requests an emergency locate through the OUNC system (One Call)
- Within 15 minutes of receiving the call from the PGE first responder (confirming that it is a PGE facility), Repair Dispatch calls PGE LSP with the locate ticket number, nearest address, and makes a request for a PGE service provider damage investigation
- Repair Dispatch makes a log comment detailing the locate ticket number, time of the call, and specific details on the damaged conductor
- Repair Dispatch take a screen shot of the outage and sends via email to the CS&I damage prevention mailbox (CSI.DamagePrevention@pgn.com)

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WITNESS: Kevin Hennessy

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**NW Natural Gas Company “Tips of the Trade”**

**August 31, 2023**





## Covid

Everyone’s resources have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help prevent locate delays by pre-marking your proposed dig area in white and notifying 811 of your planned excavation with as much lead time as possible: up to 10 business days in Oregon and Washington. To learn more about NW Natural’s response to COVID-19, [click here](#).

## Be Alert for Cross Bores in Sewer Lines

*Review these tips with coworkers at your tailgate or toolbox meetings before work begins to help avoid potential hazards when working near natural gas pipelines or other utility lines.*

Order a free worker safety training kit on NW Natural’s **Worker Beware** website.

 **ORDER KIT**

## Natural Gas Lines May Cross Sewer Lines



Cross Bore Pipes

Many utilities, including NW Natural, install some underground utility lines using a trenchless method that drills horizontally through the ground. This method minimizes damage to pavement and landscaping. However, if a sewer line wasn’t mapped or installed with tracing technology and couldn’t be located on the property, it’s possible that our drilling equipment crossed through it. Gas lines that have been drilled directly through sewer lines are known as “cross bores.”

## Know the Dangers

A cross bore in a sewer lateral will impede flow and lead to eventual blockage. A worker who attempts to remove the blockage can accidentally cut the gas line and could cause the dangerous release of natural gas. The resulting loss of service may not be immediately apparent. Gas can migrate undetected through the lateral and concentrate in sewer lines and nearby structures, causing a potential hazard.



Cross Bore Illustration

## If You Suspect a Cross Bore, Call Before You Clear



Sewer Lateral

Cross bores are rare, and now we are able to prevent them. When the trenchless gas line installation is complete, we scope the sewer main and lateral with a video camera to clear the sewer of any cross bores. We are also inspecting sewer lines street-by-street throughout our

territory to identify cross bores. Nevertheless, there is a rare chance that you may encounter a cross bore when clearing a sewer blockage, so always take the following precautions:

- **Before clearing.** If you own or can obtain access to an inline camera, use it to assess the blockage before attempting to clear it. If the camera view is obstructed due to the clog, vacuum it out first.
  - If a camera is not available, run a hydro-jetter through the sewer line to clear it. If you sense resistance that does not resemble a tree root or other common obstruction, do not force it and do NOT use a cutting tool. Stop immediately and call NW Natural.
- **If a cross bore is suspected, call NW Natural at 800-882-3377.** We will respond quickly, and if the gas line crosses through the sewer line, we will repair the sewer line and reroute the gas line at no cost to the property owner.
- **After clearing.** Natural gas pipes are typically colored plastic. If you have used a cutting tool, look for plastic on the blades when you withdraw it. Watch for bubbles escaping from the entry point of the clearing equipment or toilet and/or use gas detection equipment, if available.

## If You Hit a Gas Line

**Assume the situation is dangerous.** Immediately warn all inhabitants and evacuate the area. Do not use matches or lighters, start an engine, or operate any electrical device (even a phone), as a tiny spark could ignite leaking gas. From a safe location, **call 911 and NW Natural immediately at 800-882-3377.**

## Free Online Excavation Safety Training

### Now being offered — Excavation Safety 101

This online course will strengthen your understanding of common safety issues as well as educate you on laws and best practices for safe excavation. The course is designed to take a minimum of 60 minutes to complete, although there is no maximum time limit. Successful completion of Excavation Safety 101 with a 100% grade will earn you a certificate, proving that you've completed the course and giving you a way to earn continuing education credits.

The course is available to anyone. Simply create an account, enroll in the course, and complete the material at your own pace.



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 **811 | Know what's below |  
Call Before You Dig**

**NW Natural 24-Hour  
Emergency Line  
800-882-3377**

**For more information on contractor safety, visit  
[nwnatural.e-smartworkers.com](http://nwnatural.e-smartworkers.com).**

#### **Would You Like to Know More?**

Additional digging guidelines, case studies, instructional videos, and training tools can all be found, at no charge to you, on NW Natural's [e-SMARTworkers](http://nwnatural.e-smartworkers.com) website.

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tips to meet your training needs.  
Take our two-minute survey.**

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WITNESS: Kevin Hennessy

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**STAFF EXHIBIT 203**

**OUNC Ticket No. 21334979**

**August 31, 2023**

# Oregon One Call

**Ticket No:** 21334979  
2 FULL BUSINESS DAYS  
**Original Call Date:** 11/15/21 12:19 pm  
**Work to Begin Date:** 11/18/21 12:00 am  
**Expiration Date:** 12/31/21 12:00 am

## CALLER INFORMATION

**Company Name:** ENVIROMENTAL WORKS NW  
**Type of Excavator:** CONTRACTOR  
**Contact Name:** DWIGHT CARLISLE  
**Phone:** 503-719-6715  
**Alt. Contact:** EVAN KEELING  
**Phone:** 503-719-6715  
**Best Time:**  
**Fax Phone:**  
**Caller Address:** 22820 NE SANDY SANDY BLVD FAIRVIEW, OR 97024  
**Email Address:** DWIGHT@EWORKSNW.COM

## DIG SITE INFORMATION

**Type of Work:** REPAIR SEWER SERVICE  
**Directional Drilling:** NO  
**Type(s) of Excavation Equipment:** BACKHOE / TRACKHOE  
**Work Order Number:**  
**Permit Number:**  
**Expected Duration of Project 45 Days:** NO  
**Work Being Done For:** PROPERTY OWNER

## DIG SITE LOCATION

**State:** OR  
**County:** MULTNOMAH  
**Place:** PORTLAND  
**Address:** 2818  
**Street:** NE AINSWORTH ST  
**Intersecting Street:** NE 26TH AVE  
**Location of Work:** PLEASE LOCATE ALL UTILITIES INCLUDING SEWER ON ENTIRE PROPERTY INCLUDING ALL ROWS AND EASEMENTS. ESPECIALLY NEED THE ALLEY WAY APPROACH TO THE EASY MARKED OUT!!CORNER LOTS, PLEASE MARK ALL SIDES. FLAGS AND PAINT PLEASE. NO PHONE CALLS UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY  
**Remarks:**  
**Map Coord NW Lat:** 45.5661964  
**Lon:** -122.6371094  
**SE Lat:** 45.5658884  
**Lon:** -122.6365274

## MEMBERS NOTIFIED

District	Company Name	Marking Concerns	Customer Service	Repair	Status
NWN01	NW NATURAL	503-255-4634	503-220-2415	800-882-3377	Marked (Response by Utiliquest) <a href="#">Additional Locator Information</a>
PPL01	PACIFIC POWER	503-255-4634	888-221-7070	888-221-7070	Clear/No conflict (Response by Utiliquest) <a href="#">Additional Locator Information</a>
PTLD03	CITY OF PORTLAND SEWER-STORM	503-823-1761	503-823-1700	503-823-1700	Does Not Participate
QLNOR01	CTLQL-CENTURYLINK	800-778-9140	800-283-4237	800-573-1311	Does Not Participate

Legend:  Locate Polygon

Lat/Lon



NE Ainsworth St →

NE Ainsworth St →

NE Ainsworth St →

NE 28th Ave

NE 28th Ave

NE 28th Ave

NE 28th Ave

NE Ainsworth St-Jarrett St Alley

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