

**NCUCC Meeting
July 9, 2008
Piedmont Natural Gas,
Raleigh, NC**

Attendees:

Mark Hannah	PSNC Energy	David West	NCDOT
Theresia Creswell	Duke Energy	Danny Harris	PSNC Energy
David Jackson	Piedmont NG	Rick Mahaley	Piedmont NG
Jim Atkins	Piedmont NG	Sandra Johnson	PSNC Energy
Ron Fairbanks	NC One Call	George Glenn	NC One Call
Tom West	Colonial Pipeline	Bruce Sheldon	Time Warner Cable
Lola Ausby	Dominion Energy	Tim Yarbro	Utiliquest
Dean Yancey	Duke Energy	Brian Groome	AT&T
Patricia Ikard	DPS	George Bloodworth	NC One Call
Chad Robinson	PSNC Energy	Kelly Ballard	PSNC Energy
Vic Overaitid	Utiliquest	Scottie Driver	Utiliquest
Billy Rice	PSNC	William Deal	CMU
Mike Davis	TBE Group Inc	Joe Hoyle	City of Hickory
Larry Holdum	City of Hickory	Steve Nichols	Telics
Andrew Ponder	Telics	Richard Deal	CLS
Phil Threlkeld	Plantation Pipeline	Tim Southard	NCDOT
Marc Worth	PSNC Energy	Doug Morris	Charlotte DOT
Bruce Sheldon	Time Warner Cable	Fred Storie	Verizon

- **Call to order**

Theresia Creswell, chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the room. Theresia introduced the new officers for 2009. Mark Hannah is now the Chairman, David Jackson is the vice-chairman, and Sandra Johnson is the treasurer. Mark thanked Theresia for her service this past year and her hard work completing this years successful joint conference. Theresia will now become a member of the nominating committee. Mark recognized David West of the nominating committee. The floor was opened for nominations for the position of secretary. George Glen nominated Bruce Shelton and a second was received from the floor. A vote was taken with all present in favor of the nomination.

- **Old Business:**

The minutes of the May joint meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and approved to accept the May minutes. The treasurers' report was given to the group. The current balance is \$9,492.79 with no outstanding invoices. Treasurers' report was approved.

- **Committee Reports:**
- **Conference committee-** the joint meeting was held in May. The conference drew over 220 attendees. 56 people attended the golf tournament. A dinner was held at the Grove Park Inn. Lola Ausby made a motion that the committee consider purchasing a banner to be used at the registration table at the joint conferences. SC has agreed to cover half of the cost. Lola is going to check on the price.
- **NCUCC feed back survey-** Mark passed out a new survey seeking information from the group. Suggestions are welcomed. Attendees were asked if the State UCC's are providing the right information. The committee would like suggestions for program material. A survey will be sent out by using e-mails; the group was encouraged to participate to make the organization better. One suggestion is to find ways to make the meeting more open to excavators and get more input from them. UCC's should make agendas available on the web pages.

Presentation: UtiliQuest- David McBride & Tim Yarbo – Drive Cam. Utiliquest is using this new safety device. The Drive Cam is a video camera that records outside and inside the vehicle. They have 3,600 drive cams installed through out 26 states. Several clips were shown to the group.

Reports:

NCDOT - David West – New traffic control requirements start next July 2009. The NCDOT reminds everyone that new flagger training will be required. Encroachments applications for the first six months of the year are down 25% from the same period last year. NCDOT had a strong presence at the joint conference this year and they were pleased with the PE hours credits made available this year. Encroachments are taking longer than normal; this is partly due to plans not containing all the needed information. The needed information is listed on the back of the encroachments agreement. Some details are lacking, measurements from the edge of pavement are required, depths and material used. David provided contact information for each NCDOT division. The DOT is making a strong effort to provide more rights of ways on TIP projects. This permanent utility right of way (PUE) will be a part of future projects.

NC One Call- Ron Fairbanks - Ticket load is 5.4% below last years totals. The economy is part of the change noticed state wide. New mapping techniques are also driving down ticket volumes. Members are updating their data base which is lowering ticket volumes. The NC One call has updated its base maps to the newer GIS version. Members are encouraged to update their data bases with the new system. New ticket start time have started effective July 1. The new system is working smoothly. Pictures of the new 811 logos were shown. The logos have been applied to the Colonial Pipeline tanks

located on Interstate 40 facing east and west; seventy thousand vehicles pass these tanks every day. These are the largest 811 logos nation wide.

Railroads - None were present.

Power Companies – Theresia Creswell thanked David McBride & Tim Yarbo, for presenting their safety program. Vehicle safety is an important part of our jobs.

Danny Harris- PSNC Energy, They are also working on cathodic protection upgrades. Most of this years damages are by contractors digging without locate requests. PSNC is still using joint trenching, but the use is starting to fade.

Gas Companies – Tom West-Colonial Pipeline is doing a lot of corrosion work along its Row's. They are installing anodes and rectifiers.

Telephone Companies –Brian Groome- AT&T is averaging 180 cuts a month so far this year which is 21% less than last year. Customers are starting to request reimbursement for loss of use of fiber optic systems.

Verizon – Fred Storie-Their cuts are down, they are still being cut by fly by night operators that are not calling in locates. They are working with permitting offices to get the damage prevention word out.

Cable TV - Bruce Shelton – Time Warner Cable- They are also using the Drive cam systems, they have discovered employees not using seat belts and talking on the phone. TWC is going through reorganization. Operations are being centralized. Phone numbers had changed. Contact information may be provided at the next meeting for the eastern part of the state. They are also pushing the use of joint trench.

Contractors –

Locate Companies – Utiliquist- They are happy with the True 48 change. They are committed to on time completion of locates.

Sandra Johnson noted problems with locates called in by Stay Alert Services , They are calling in streets and not marking sign locations with white paint or meeting on site to show locator where to mark. They are working for NCDOT. Some contractors are still giving vague locate information.

Local UCC reports:

Sandra Johnson - Wake County UCC - They meet the last Tuesday of the month. Most contractors call in locates, some fly by night contractor are still damaging some lines. They are working on a contractor's lunch. They have held five tailgate meetings. Jeff Barlet is their One Call rep.

Lola Ausby-North Hampton/ Halifax County- They are working on their second annual safe dig award and their damage prevention breakfast. They have moved their meeting to Logan's Roadhouse at lunch time and attendance has picked up.

David Jackson- Forsyth/Stoke County-They held their last meeting in June with good attendance. They are meeting with the local fire department to do a damage prevention program.

Foothills- Chad Robinson- They meet the first Tuesday of each month. Their next meeting is Aug at the City of Gastonia on Broad St. There is a new NCDOT e mail address, NCDOT.gov

Buncombe County-Mark Hannah- they have out grown their location, moving to Ryan's restaurant.

Rick Mahaley - Yadkinville/Davie county UCC - They meet the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be at Ace's Restaurant in Yadkinville. They are also planning their cook out for Sept 21 in Mocksville.

Next meeting of the NCUCC will be held at Wilmington, NC - Sept. 9 2008

- 2008 Meetings
 - Sept- Piedmont Natural Gas, Wilmington, NC - Sept. 9 2008 @ 10 AM 1321 S. 10th St. Wilmington, NC 28401
 - Nov- Tarboro Piedmont Natural Gas -Nov 11, 2008 10 AM

NCUCC MISSION STATEMENT

The North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee will provide a forum for utilities, governmental agencies, and contractors within the state of North Carolina to discuss situations which impact planning, engineering, construction, and new technologies among the member organizations. This committee will also serve as a resource for local UCC's on issues that could be better addressed and resolved on a statewide basis. This committee will promote underground damage prevention and the use of the North Carolina One Call Center for notification of all excavation activity.