

**NCUCC Meeting
January 12th, 2010
Piedmont Natural Gas
Greensboro, NC**

Attendees:

Cort Bennett	PSNC	Leonard Hensley	City of Asheville Water
Rick Mahaley	Piedmont NG	Tiffany Roberson	Consolidated Utility Ser
Sandra Johnson	PSNC Energy	George Ross	Consolidated Utility Ser
Ron Fairbanks	NC One Call	Jim Nelson	Piedmont Natural Gas
David West	NCDOT	Danny Harris	PSNC Energy
Ken Griffin	PSNC East	Tucker Bullock	PSNC Energy
Tom West	Colonial Pipeline Co	Marc Worth	PSNC Energy
David Jackson	Piedmont NG	Doug Morris	Charlotte Dept. of Trans
Mark Hannah	PSNC	Rick Gould	Qwest Communications
Chris Isley	NCUC Pipeline Safe	Mike Shinn	McKim & Creed
Doc Asbury	NCOCC	Brad Barringer	B.R.S. Inc.
Mike Davis	Cardno NC PLLC	Steve Trexler	NCDOT Utility C.U.
Glenn Flowers	PSNC Energy	Angela Brown	Piedmont Natural Gas
George Glenn	NCOCC	Doug Wilson	Piedmont Natural Gas
Tom Callahan	UtilityComm Resources	Jeff Clark	Consolidated Utility Ser
Howard Johnson	City of Asheville Water	Butch Bunton	Telics/AT&T

- **Call to order**

Chairperson David Jackson called the meeting to order 10:02am and opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanked the folks with Piedmont Natural Gas for hosting the meeting, then went around the room for introductions.

- **Old Business**

- David Jackson read the NCUCC Mission Statement to everyone and reminded us of our purpose.
- David Jackson distributed the minutes from the 11/10/2009 meeting in Wilmington and gave everyone a chance to review. George Glenn made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Mark Hannah and approved by the majority.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Sandra Johnson gave the treasurer's report, stating no changes to the previous balance; leaving a current balance of \$6,603.32, with no outstanding charges.

- **New Business**

- Ron Fairbanks stated that the Homeowner Brochures were down to a count of about 250 and needs to be replenished. He asked the NCUCC to share the cost of the brochures with the One Call Center 50/50. It was also commented that the City of Gastonia Water Dept. puts the brochures in the lobby for homeowners to pick up.
- George Glenn made a motion to change the mission statement to change the word "contractor" to "excavator". David West and Mike Davis both seconded the motion. There was a great deal of discussion including the

need to add the work “locators” or “locate contractors” to the statement. George amended his motion to include “locators” and it was seconded by David West. The motion was put to the group for a vote and was approved of 10 to 3. David Jackson asked that a committee be formed to review the Mission Statement and the NCUCC By-Laws. **David asked that those wishing to be on the committee please contact him.**

- **Committee Reports**

David Jackson began with the SC/NC Joint Committee reports. He also stated that after the general meeting that the committees will hold a meeting.

- Hotel – Ocean front and family oriented
- Golf – Wilmington Municipal Golf course. Same rate/green fees as last year, \$50.00 including a box lunch. Start times will begin on both the front nine and the back nine at the 1:30pm. Rick stated that this is a Donald Ross designed course.
- Vendor – nothing to report.
- Speakers – Wayne Lemoi with PHMSA has agreed to speak at the meeting. Others are being lined up.

- **Presentation**

Tom Callahan with Utilitycomm Resources, Inc., e-mail tcallahan@utilitycomm.com gave a presentation regarding the Flagger Certification process.

- The flagger certification period has change from period of 3 years to 4 years at which time they will have to be recertified.
- Tom said he prefers to facilitate not teach.
- Most important person on the job-site is the flagger
- His class includes the Flagger Handbook.
- Basic of Flagging
 - Equipment
 - Position
 - Signals
 - Operations
- #1 priority is to protect the workers and their self.
- Minimum size of sign or paddle required is 18” with 6” letters and the preferred size is 24” and the handle must be 7’ high to the bottom of the sign.
- Temporary emergency flag must be a 24” x 24” red flag.
- 2010 revised manual
- Utilitycomm Resources, Inc.

- **Reports:**

NCDOT – David West

- David thanked Tom Callahan for his presentation and said that the Flagger Certification had been put on hold for a year changing the required start date from July 2009 to July 1, 2010.
- 2009 DOT encroachments were up 9% over 2008.

NCDOT – Steve Trexler, Utility Coordinator Unit, Western Region

In the counties listed below, any boring method used to insert utility facilities under any body of water, stream, river, canal, intercoastal waterway, wetland, etc..etc., etc... Must be profiled on the drawings submitted for approval on NCDOT TIP permitted projects. This is inclusive of projects that are not TIP related, installations along or within existing NCDOT R/W involving boring installations beneath waters of any kind excluding drainage structures. If you have any questions concerning this issue,

please feel free to contact this office. The Area Agent assigned to the Eastern or Coastal Region is David. A. Boyd and his # is 919-250-4128. The Utility Engineer assigned to the area is Corey Bousquet PE and his contact info is within this e-mail.

- Beaufort
- Hertford
- Bertie
- Hyde
- Brunswick
- New Hanover
- Camden
- Onslow
- Carteret
- Pamlico
- Chowan
- Pasquotank
- Craven
- Pender
- Currituck
- Perquimans
- Dare
- Tyrrell
- Gates
- Washington

George Glenn asked that the local DOT representatives notify and pass this information on to the local UCC in their areas.

NC One Call – Ron Fairbanks

- Beginning March 24, 2010 NCOCC will be presenting NC Pipeline Awareness Meetings to meet the API-RP-1162 needs of the Transmission and Distribution Pipelines in the state and will conclude in November. Please visit <http://www2.ncocc.org/ncocc/nc811pa.html> for more information.
 - Excavator Breakfast begin 6:30am until about 8:00am
 - Emergency Responders and Public Officials Lunch 11:30am until 1:00pm.
 - Location TBA.
 - Registration for the Public Awareness Meetings is @ nc811pa.org. Invitations will also be mailed out. There will be first responders meetings and General Public or Excavators meetings.
- For the 2009 year, tickets were down 12.8% from 2008 which is better than projected at the beginning of the year.
- Transmissions are also down 14.4% from 2008.
- Transmissions averaged 4.7 per request.
- Description of Tickets
 - Avoid canned descriptions such as locate entire property or locate the intersection for 250' and possible bore.
- The 4th quarter NCOCC board meeting will held on 1/22/2010 at 9:30 am at Grove Park Inn. Effective in April 2010 the board will have a new start time of 9:00am for the board meetings.
- Holidays – January 18th is Martin Luther King Day; the center will be open to take tickets but will not be included in the 2 working day period.

- April 2010 is National Safe Digging Month and NCUCC is challenged to get involved. Encouraged to hold public awareness and excavator meeting in April.
- Received Governors Proclamation for Safe Dig Month 2010, See Attached
- DIRT Report – Telecom continues to receive
 - 49% of damages reported
 - 91 Counties out of 100 reported damages
 - Water installs continue to be the majority of the work being done that causes the damages.
 - George Glenn encourages us to report accurate information so the NCOCC can target areas that need advertisements and promote damage prevention in those areas.
 - George also said that if you fax your DIRT report to Ron and the center they will enter your report(s) into the system for you.

Railroads – None were present

Power Companies – None reported

Gas Companies – David Jackson mentioned that Piedmont was having a fun time keeping up with the demand (i.e. pressure and or supply demands) and minor maintenance problem.

Mark worth echoed David's comments to say PSNC was having the same problems.

Cable and Telecom Co. – None reported

Contractor Reports – Brad Barringer – Discussed DIRT Reports stating that some of the information was being poorly reported. He asked that all required data be entered. Charlotte Mecklenburg Co. UCC has helped to lower damages and incidents in that county. Brad reported on 20 incidents and there causes. NCOCC Law is at the bottom of the list regarding damage prevention law of all the states (i.e. Notice of proposed Rule Making). He said that PHMSA is considering taking over the enforcement in state with inadequate damage prevention laws. He went on to say that he has trouble with the life of a locate ticket and the 48 hour notice to 2 day notice.

- **Locate companies** – Jeff Clark – said that the DIRT Report is very important especially accurate reports.
- **Utility Commission** – Chris Isley – Pipeline Safety Meeting May 4th & 5th of 2010 starting at 8:00am until 5:00pm at Carolina Beach Marriotte.
- **Local UCC reports**
 - Forsyth/ Stokes Co. – David Jackson – Continues to have good attendance at their meetings.
 - Wake Co. UCC – Sandra Johnson – Contractor Breakfast at Golden Coral on 11/12/09 had 225 attendees. Because of the holidays Wake UCC did not meet in December. The next meeting is on the last Tuesday in January
 - Buncombe Co. UCC – Mark Hannah – Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of every month. They continue to have 25-30 members attend the meetings.

- Charlotte Mecklenburg Co. UCC – Jim Nelson, secretary – Wanted to address the issue of over-notification of tickets and work that had already been completed. He called the issue an 800 lb. gorilla. 30 members come regularly.
- Davie/Yadkin Co. UCC – Rick Mahaley – Meets Wednesday, January 27th at the Captain’s Galley in Advance, NC.

- **Misc. Notes**

NCUCC Meeting Schedule

- March 09 Raleigh PSNC – pizza will be served.
Please RSVP to Sandra Johnson w/PSNC at Office 919-836-2421
- April 28,29,30 Wilmington – NC/SC Joint Meeting – Holiday Inn

- Thanks to PNG for hosting this meeting and PSNC for the refreshments.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:43.

- **Committees**

Vendor:	Lola Ausby Yvonne Ellis
Speaker:	Danny Harris Cort Bennett Mark Hannah
Golf:	Rick Mahaley David Jackson
Registration:	Sandra Johnson Bruce Sheldon Teresa Creswell
Site:	All Officers Sandra Johnson Lola Ausby Rick Mahaley Danny Harris Teresa Creswell
Finance	David Jackson Ron Fairbanks Yvonne Ellis