UTILITY RELOCATION

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- Who do I assign to a project?
  - District 10 has complied an engineering contact list of the major utilities in the District,

ENGINEERING CONTACTS

* Utilities highlighted in green- Verification Plans should be sent to ALL third party attachments

NAME'S	ADDRESS'S	PHONE #'S	EMAIL ADDRESS	COUNTIES A	B	C	I	J	NOTES
AT&T CORP.									
Pat Sutton	1100 3rd Ave, Altoona PA, 16602	814-321-6470	ps4364@att.com	X	X	X	X	X	Add both to URMS
Mike Huddleston		724-495-4161	Mhuddleston@mbakerintl.com	X	X	X	X	X	Consultant for AT&T Add both to URMS
ARMSTRONG									
John Bowen	123 Industrial Drive, Grove City, PA 16127	724-458-7165 x224	jbowen@agoc.com			X			* send information to both
Rob Wothers	660 S. Benbrook Road, Butler, PA 16001	724-482-4885 x224	rwolthers@agoc.com	X	X				
Eric Eppinger	531 Perry Way, Zelienople, PA 16063	724-452-5695 x243	eeppinger@agoc.com		X				
Ryan A. Bennett	160 Westview Drive, Meadville, PA 16335	814-333-6731 x224	rbennett@agoc.com			X			Northwestern Clarion (Meadville Area)
BREEZELINE (formerly Atlantic Broadband)									
Lou Hartung	320 Bailey Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401	724-439-3010	lhartung@breezeline.com			X			
BRIGHTSPEED (DBA THE UNITED TELEPHONE CO. OF PENNSYLVANIA) AKA LUMEN AKA CENTURY LINK AKA EMBARQ/ UNITED TELEPHONE									
Network Relocations	1025 Eldorado Blvd. Broomfield, CO 80021		relocations@brightspeed.com	X	X	X	X	X	All plans should be sent to this contact
Joe Centobene	1765 W. Trindle Road, Carlisle, PA 17013	717-386-0695	joe.d.centobene@Brightspeed.com	X	X	X	X	X	include Joe in URMS
Michael C. Montag	218 S Washington St, Butler, PA 16001	724-284-7235	Michael.C.Montag@Brightspeed.com	X	X				
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.									
Chad Master	716 Route 368, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049	1-800-521-0570 x2199	cmaster@central.coop		X	X			
COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC. (A NISOURCE, INC. COMPANY)									
Hunter Jackovitz	2021 W. State Street, New Castle, PA 16101	724-636-9960	hjackovitz@nisource.com	X	X	X	X	X	
COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC (AKA NISOURCE MIDSTREAM TransCanada/ COLUMBIA MIDSTREAM/ COLUMBIA PIPELINE GROUP)									
Matt Niedbala	315 Shady Rest Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117	724-850-5503	matthew_niedbala@transcanada.com	X	X	X	X	X	
COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT LLC									orange marker
Doug Olszewski	One Comcast Drive, Blairsville, PA 15717	724-675-8799	douglas_olszewski@cable.comcast.com	X	X	X	X	X	
~~John Radeshak~~	~~610 Epsilon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15238~~	~~724-212-7236~~	~~john_radeshak@cable.comcast.com~~	X					~~retiring in March 2023/ use Doug~~
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF PA COMPANY, LLC AKA NORTH PITTSBURGH TELEPHONE									
Gabe White	4008 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044	724-443-9832	gabe.white@consolidated.com	X	X				main contact
Jeff Hall	4008 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044	724-443-9639	jeff.hall@consolidated.com	X	X				local engineer
CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL INC. (AKA SUNESYS)									yellow marker
Wesley Payne	2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317	724-416-2681	Wesley.Payne@crowncastle.com	X	X	X	X	X	URMS CONTACT/ Use on all projects
~~Joe Storsin~~		~~330-224-0418~~	~~Joe.Storsin@crowncastle.com~~	X	X	X	X	X	CONTACT for fiber moves

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UTILITY CONTACTS

- Why did District 10 create this Utility Contact list?
  - To avoid/ minimize construction issues with unknown aerial lines. This list includes any potential aerial rider that we currently know of. We require all potential riders be included in all projects to ensure we do not miss any aerial lines.
  - In some cases, the Utility has chosen to use a one point of contact within the company to keep the company informed of utility relocations for budgeting purposes. Using a one point of contact allows that contact to properly assign an engineer to the project.
  - District 10 also has a process in place that we will review all contacts assigned to a project before the Confirm Involvement process is started. To complete this we ask that the PA One Call Responses are uploaded to the Utility Relocation Management System (URMS).

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TYPES OF UTILITY RELOCATIONS

- Prior- Anticipated completion before the Notice to Proceed is issued
- Restrictive- To be completed by the utility or a string of utilities before operating without restriction. Number of calendar days will start after the notice to proceed is issued to the highway contractor and the contractor notifies the Utility.
- Concurrent- To be done simultaneous with, but not restricting operations.
- Coordinated- Phasing with specific construction operations
- Not Affected- Identifies UTILITY with facilities in the construction area which are not anticipated to be affected.
- Incorporated- Utility relocation work to be incorporated into prime highway construction contact.

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR??

- What should we look for when designing projects.
  - Are there utilities located within the limits of the project?
    - Are those utilities shown correctly on the plan?
  - Are there underground utilities within the limits of the project?
    - If there are, how were those utilities plotted on our plans?
    - If the utilities were plotted via utility mapping. The plans should be updated to have the lines either marked out in the field by the utilities and then surveyed or by using Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Quality Level B (QLB) which is locating the underground lines within the limits of a project
    - Using mapping to show underground utilities is not accurate and can result in delays.
    - Utilities are not required to mark their lines out for a design PA One Call so depending on the time of year you may be forced to perform QLB to get the information needed
    - Is Quality Level A (test pits) required to verify facilities can be avoided?

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR??

- What should we look for when designing projects.
  - Will the Utilities be impacted by the project?
  - If the Utilities are impacted will the Utilities need the following completed by the contractor in order to relocate their facilities?
    - Access- Can the utilities perform their work without any access roads?
    - Tree Trimming and/or clearing and grubbing- Are there trees in the way that will prevent a utility from being able to perform their work? Are these trees within the public right of way and/ or temporary construction easements
    - Guiderail removal- Can the utilities perform their relocation work and access the site and stay within the right of way and/or temporary construction easement without removing any sections of guiderail?
  - The project team should be reviewing the site and discussing any potential site issues regarding the Utility's relocations so any coordinated activities or restrictions can be added to the contract.

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PA ONE CALL

- Maintaining Facility Markings
  - Excavator must ensure markings remain intact for the project duration, or until no longer needed
  - Re-notify One Call if markings are inadvertently compromised and do not proceed until they are confirmed by facility owners
- Incorrectly Marked or Unmarked Facilities
  - Facilities incorrectly marked or facilities discovered, but not marked are violations by facility owners
  - An Alleged Violation Report (AVR) must be submitted (available on 811 website)
  - A notification must be resubmitted if a facility not marked is discovered
  - Excavator may not proceed until all facilities have been confirmed by facility owners

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ALLEGED VIOLATION REPORTING

- Alleged Violation Reporting also known as an AVR
- Violation occurs when a person, by action or inaction, fails to fulfill an obligation set forth by PA Act 50
- AVR's are submitted online at www.pa1call.org
- Each role has specific reporting obligations:
  - Excavators and Project Owners have ten (10) business days to file
  - Facility Owners and Designers have thirty (30) business days to file
- If a contractor or any sub-contractors working on PennDOT's behalf commits a violation while working within a Commonwealth-owned right-of-way, the contractor must also inform PennDOT as a property owner
  - Incorporated Utility work would be an example where a sub-contractor would be working on PennDOT's behalf

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WHEN TO SUBMIT AN AVR

- PennDOT or its designee is obligated to submit an AVR to the PUC if:
  - A facility is damaged during work
  - Facilities are determined to be incorrectly marked, but not damaged
  - Facilities are discovered that had not been previously marked
  - Excavator fails to notify 911 and/or facility owners if a facility is damaged
  - It is believed that a violation has occurred in any other manner in association with excavation or demolition, either accidental or intentional

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AVR

- PennDOT can submit a single AVR as a Designer, Project Owner or Excavator
- AVR is required even if the facility damaged is PennDOT's responsibility
- Include all photographic and narrative information in the AVR
- AVR is the basis for violations and fines sent by PUC.
- AVR are reviewed by a committee for continuous improvement and special considerations. PennDOT or our contractors may be called to explain conditions of the AVR to the Damage Prevention Committee

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QUESTIONS?

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