

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB and ITG
January 25, 2022 at 2 pm
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, and Dave Loiko who joined at 2:15

ITG: Dave Libbey, Dave Poplawski

MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, David Gordon, Bill Fontes, and Ned Wolf
with Jan Carr visiting and Heath MLP Manager Sheila Litchfield

Sheila said that during last Wednesday's outage we went on a 2nd circuit and asked whether there is a way for us to know when we are on a 2nd circuit? Joe said that he can't believe it would be hard to inform people of that. He said that WG&E will address the matter.

Next Sheila asked how Sertex is responding to the issue of the cable at the Heath – Colrain townline. Dave Loiko said he has visited the site. The last person to work there did not hang up the line. Dave said that he pulled all the coiled-up cable out of a snowbank. The enclosure is frozen into the ground. Joe suggested pouring environmentally friendly antifreeze around the enclosure.

Which of the bad taps can be accessed? Dave Loiko reported that the following roads have been cleared: Colrain Stage, Modoc, Wigwam, and Swamp. The following roads have not been cleared: Apache, Chickesaw, Lakeview, and Cascade.

Joe suggested tabling the work for now and returning in better weather. Sheila asked about fixing MSTs they can reach. Joe said they could reach the one on Colrain Stage and the one on Swamp. There may be a way to get to the one on Wigwam. We can phone Henry Josephson who lives on Wigwam. The work to be done wherever there's a bad tap consists of:

- Fix or replace the MST containing the bad tap
- Splicing
- Testing

Sheila reported our interest in having Cebula administer Heath's card access system pending the commitment of other towns.

Dave Libbey described preparations for the cut-over to a new cable along Taylor Brook Road to begin at 12 am tomorrow. He received from Tom Kolek the needed information that the maximum uni-loss threshold would be 0.25.

Joe expressed concern that due to snow and ice there is presently no access to the vault. Dave Libbey was confident that their industrial heater from Home Depot could be used to free up the vault.

Sheila and certain MLB members said they could be on call during the cut-over.

Sheila and the MLB wished Dave Poplawski and his crews the best.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf