

Minutes of the WG&E Meeting on Installations with the Heath MLB
April 19, 2022 at 1:30
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Chris LaVertu, Betsy Loiko

MLB: Art Schwenger(Chair), Anne Emmet, David Gordon, Bill Fontes, and Ned Wolf
with MLP Manager Sheila Litchfield

Before the meeting Chris had received a list of questions from Sheila and the MLB. For an estimate for the project at Bellor Road he asked that we let him dive into it a little more noting that there will be 4 drops with a potential for more.

Sheila asked Chris how we might expedite Verizon's survey required for the approval of a pole license. The approval is needed before a cabinet can be installed on the pole. Chris said that he can contact the engineer. If he gets a 'verbal', he can move on it.

Chris said that he should have the list of Heath's top 25 internet users later in the day of April 19th.

Chris said that checking leftover cable in Heath can be done by someone heading that way the week of April 25. Bill asked what will happen if they cannot locate the missing 216 cable? Chris said that he might have to bill ITG for the missing 216 to make us whole.

Chris said that they will examine the tangled wires at Bellor Road when they get to Heath. He thinks that Verizon wires are wrapped around other Verizon wires. Bill said he would go up to Bellor Road later in the day on April 19 to see whether it's a fiber issue and to let Whip City Fiber know.

Chris responded to the question about how many new installations are possible before a new line card is needed. He said that the 2 municipal ONT connections can be turned into 2 1 by 16 splits. One of those splits will be for Bellor Road where there will be up 16 possible installations. There will be 16 more available.

Chris said that we can add only 3 more customers in Mohawk Estates before having to purchase another line card at \$16K. Bill asked if there is an alternative to buying a new line card for Mohawk Estates. Chris said we could change a 16 split to a 32 split without a noticeable effect on service. It would require taking down some customers for an hour and installing another 1 by 16 split. He said that for Mohawk Estates there are just 3 tails that we don't have applications for.

David said that we have 233 locations in FSA 4. As the news of good service spreads, many who have not yet signed up may choose to do so. We need to be prepared for that possibility.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf

