

Minutes of the WG&E Meeting on Installations with the Heath MLB
September 20, 2022 at 1:30
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Chris LaVertu, Betsy Loiko

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

Chris responded to questions that Sheila sent the week of Sept. 19th and the week of Sept. 12th. He said that to store fiber outdoors some other towns have used tarping systems, but here is no guarantee to how long the fiber lasts when stored outdoors. Storing fiber on cement or asphalt is better than on the ground.

Chris said that WCF has taken back Heath's reimbursable fiber. He will talk with Dave Loiko about whether they can take any more back. They have limited space to store emergency reels.

There was a discussion of how the customers at 11 Bellow Road are billed. Customer payment will go to Wired West. It will pass through Heath. Bill said that 11 Bellow Road has received a bill for putting up a new cabinet on a utility pole on Sadoga Road. He asked whether the individual farmers would receive invoices for drops.

Chris said he would look into it. He said that WCF has a new go-to person for financial matters. She is Christina Mobrice, Business Office Representative. Christina will be at the WCF Meet and Greet on October 4th with Arlene who is retiring.

Chris said that they will start on cold drops across town the week of Sept. 26th.

Sheila asked about the progress of installations. Is WCF aiming to finish up by the end of October? Betsy said that 9/22 and 9/24 are the dates of installs coming up. They plan in the coming weeks to do 3 cold installs a day.

Betsy said that they call customers to touch base before doing a cold drop. There is the potential for putting a box on a house without having contacted the customer.

David mentioned that in some towns the cost is passed through to WiredWest. Sheila said that when WCF tells us we're done at the end of October, we will say that the future billing goes through WiredWest. She plans to bring up this matter at a WiredWest Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf