

Minutes of the WG&E Meeting on Installations with the Heath MLB
July 26, 2022 at 1:30
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Chris LaVertu, Betsy Loiko

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

Absent: Anne Emmet

Chris had received a list of questions that Sheila sent to him by email before the meeting. He said that there are 23 cold drops. A majority of them are pending. Five are complete, and two in FSA 1 have been canceled. He needs to check on the number of undergrounds.

Betsy asked about removing 'holds' from cold drops. David said that since the maximum subsidy for a cold drop is \$500, a customer whose cold drop goes over \$500 will have to pay. Members said that we want all holds removed on installations that are < \$500. Chris asked Betsy to remove those holds.

David asked what is the easiest way to know once a cold drop is installed. Is there a field that tells? Chris said yes, that there is a sort by tag.

Chris said that Dave Loiko will stop at Sheila's for the MST that was installed at Hosmer Road, removed when found to be faulty, and taken to Sheila's.

How is the billing done? Chris said that in the case of the relocation of a trailer in Mohawk Estates Whip City Fiber billed the customer, and the payment goes into our Stripe account at Wired West. Meanwhile, we were billed for the relocation of the trailer in Serv – 13. Later we will be reimbursed.

For the work Whip City Fiber has done at the cannabis farm the bill has gone to 11 Bellor Road. It remains to be seen whether a bill will also come to us.

Chris said that except for the cannabis farm the construction and engineering invoices have ceased. ITG will ask for retainage when Whip City Fiber determines that the construction is

complete. This will involve work by both Dave Loiko of Whip City Fiber and Dave Poplawski of ITG.

David asked Chris about the progress of the redundancy project. Chris said that there is a plan to coordinate with Nokia in mid-August.

Finally, Sheila mentioned the difficulties people have had getting a satisfactory internet connection in Heath's Community Hall. Bill said that since the problem is occurring at this single Muni site, it appears to be a problem for Northeast IT. He also said there might be a microbend in the fiber before it enters the Community Hall. Members expressed appreciation for Chris' willingness to have the fiber tested.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf