# Wisconsin Joint Use Conference Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells March 20 - 21, 2013 WSTA

## **Wisconsin** Joint Use Conference

## Why Joint Use?

In today's environment where fewer people rely on traditional means of communication, there is limited right of way, and land development pushes into and beyond suburbia, joint construction of facilities is an integral part of the economic stability sought by all companies.

You'll have the opportunity to listen to and interact with other utility industry professionals on these subjects during the 2013 Wisconsin Joint Use Conference at the Wilderness Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells on March 20th and 21st 2013. The challenges addressed here range from planning concerns, code requirements and regulatory issues to the final product of costeffective jointly placed utilities.

Meetings begin with registration and continental breakfast on Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM and adjourn on Thursday at 1:30 after a lunch program. Live Line Demo, Inc. will present their SAFETY FIRST!!! Program, which demonstrates live contact with 7200 volts!

The conference is presented through the cooperative efforts of the Wisconsin Utilities Association, Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association and the Wisconsin Cable Communications Association.

### Who Should Attend?

- Joint Use Administrators
- Right of Way Managers
- Asset Managers
- Standards Engineers
- Engineering and Operations Managers
- Contract Administrators
- Joint Facilities Coordinators
- Overhead/URD Design Personnel
- Telecom Managers
- Network Operations Supervisors
- Cable & Wireless Contract Administrators
- Electric Distribution Supervisors
- Customer Service Managers
- Customer Service Coordinators
- Regional Electric/Gas Engineers
- Design Engineers
- Field Operations Managers

## **Conference Planning Team**

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# Program agenda

## Wednesday March 20

8:00 - 5:00 pm

Registration Desk Open

8:00 - 8:45 am

Continental Breakfast

8:35 - 8:45 am

Opening Comments R.J. Hess, Madison Gas & Electric

#### 8:45 - 9:05 am

#### **Conference Welcome**

Michael J. Fox, Vice President and General Manager, Time Warner Cable Northeast Wisconsin

#### 9:05 - 9:35 am

Why Joint Use? Dan Sande, We Energies / Greg Kneusel, AT&T / Larry Pihlstrom, Time Warner Cable
Our industries are changing. The choice to utilize joint construction and pole attachments was once the clear choice to serve the needs of the public. With emerging technologies, changes in regulation, customer expectations and company focus changes, the choice to collocate is not as obvious. In this presentation each industry will discuss the pros and cons that should be considered when deciding whether joint use is the answer.

#### 9:35 - 10:20 am

Sewer Cross Bore Mitigation James Flanagan P.E., Xcel Energy and Grant Klumb, KS Energy Services, LLC Many utilities use "Horizontal Directional Boring" to install facilities underground. Because vintage sewer lines are made of clay and many modern plastic sewer lines do not contain a tracer wire, they are not "locatable". Utilities may have come in contact with, or created a "cross-bore", without knowing. This hidden liability can exist well past the construction phase that created the cross bore until they are disturbed by a drain cleaner or other outside force. The consequences of disturbing a cross bore can be devastating. This presentation will discuss methods Xcel Energy has been developing since 2010; in addition to highlighting the extensive line of sewer mainline and lateral investigation processes KS Energy Services offers for utility cross bore programs.

#### 10:20 - 10:40 am

**Networking Break** 

#### 10:40 – 11:25 am Railroad Permitting

Dave Thomas, Eagle 1 Resources, LLC

Railroad crossing permit fees are a concern for the utility industry and the annual rental fees for these crossing installations continue to rise. Until the late 1970's, many people living next to railroad tracks assumed the railroads owned the land the tracks were on. This assumption was incorrect. Many, if not most, users of the right of ways do not own the underlying land that the right of way is on; they only have an easement for a specific purpose.

#### 11:25 - 12:00 pm

Risk Management Howard Somers, AEGIS Insurance Services, Inc. / Tom Virant, Xcel Energy This informative, interactive session will focus on the liability risk exposures associated with joint use operations. Discussions will begin with a review of several actual incidents involving joint use and continue with important keys to reducing the likelihood of future incidents of a similar nature. Learn how your company can avoid incidents associated with joint use operations that result in serious injuries and financial losses.

#### 12:00 - 1:00 pm

**Networking Lunch** 

#### 1:00 - 4:50 pm

**Breakout Sessions** 

Four time slots of 50 minutes, each starting on the hour

#### 5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Vendor Sponsored Reception** 

## **Breakout Sessions**

#### Session 1 WisDOT - Trans 220 and Joint Use

Warren LaDuke, Statewide Utility Coordinator A discussion on work plans, utility coordination, "Every Day Counts" (EDC) and compensable relocations.

#### Session 2 WisDOT – Utility Accommodation Policy

Bob Fasick, Statewide Permitting Coordinator Learn about important policies that are in place for utility permitting in state trunk highway right of way, when permitting is required and the Lane Closure System

#### **Session 3 AEGIS Risk Management**

Howard Somers, AEGIS

Join a discussion about safety, damages and liability associated with not being in compliance with company practices and codes. Attend this discussion if you would like to more details on this morning's presentation.

#### **Session 4 Stretching for Safety**

Jon Nietzel, Alliant

Safety is a key factor in maintaining health and productivity. Movement shouldn't sound like a popular breakfast cereal (Snap, Crackle, Pop), and stresses and strains are painful. This interactive break-out session will give you the tools you need to take to the office or the field to reduce work related injuries.

#### **Session 5 Sewer Cross-Bore Mitigation Project**

James A. Flanagan P.E., Xcel / Grant Klumb, KS Energy Services, LLC

Many utilities use "Horizontal Directional Boring" to install facilities. Because vintage sewer lines are made of clay and many modern plastic sewer lines do not contain a tracer wire, they are not "locatable" and a utility may have come in contact with, or created a "cross-bore", without knowing. This roundtable will continue the discussion had in the earlier presentation.

#### Session 6 Joint Use Construction 101

Dan Sande, We Energies / Greg Kneusel, AT&T If you or someone in your organization are new to joint use this session is a must. You will walk through the process from step one, with the phrases "communication and cooperation" being emphasized.

#### Session 7 50 Minutes with a Utility Attorney

Tom Magee, Keller & Heckman – Find out about the latest updates in federal policies from the power utility perspective.

#### Session 8 Managing Joint use Communications

Dave Coates, Wind Lake Solutions

Wind Lake Solutions has developed one electronic option for managing joint use transactions. Dave will discuss some of the communication requirements and the benefits of an electronic system.

#### **Session 9 Joint Construction Engineering 101**

Phil Carroll, P.E., Finley Engineering Company, Inc. You have been assigned to engineer a Joint Use Project. Where do you start, what needs to be done? Bring your tips and questions to a roundtable that will discuss how to begin engineering a Joint Use Project from both the facility owner's and the foreign entity's point of view.

#### Session 10 Network Information Solutions

Rick Schmutzer, Solarus & Vern Dosch

Today's business environment is quickly changing; and the technology being used is changing even quicker. Understand how by adapting to new technologies, like Cloud Computing, Consumer and Work Force Apps can help you keep up.

#### Session 11 50 Minutes with an ILEC Attorney

Chris Huther, Wiley Rein

Find out about the latest updates in federal policies from the ILEC perspective.

#### Session 12 50 Minutes with a Cable Attorney

Peter L. Gardon, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren SC Find out about the latest updates in federal policies from the cable industry perspective.

#### Session 13 50 Minutes with a Wireless Attorney

Natasha Ernst, Crown Castle

Find out about the latest updates in federal policies from the wireless industry perspective.

#### Session 14 Latest updates on the status of FCC

**Regulation** Shirley Fujimoto, Fish & Richardson Examine the reality of new FCC rules and how utilities must address wireless attachment requests going forward.

#### **Session 15 Railroad Permitting**

Dave Thomas, Eagle 1

Information on railroad land ownership disputes, as well as how to find land ownership records and flagging requirements.

## **Thursday March 21**

8:30 - 9:10 am

#### News and Views from D.C.

Shirley Fujimoto, Fish & Richardson

This legal/regulatory update concentrates on issues relating to infrastructure, pole attachments and rights-of way. The presenter brings with her a broad range of expertise and experience to pinpoint the hottest issues and their impacts being discussed at the FCC, in the courts and at other state and federal government agencies. Hear the latest on these critical issues that affect your company.

#### 9:10 – 9:50 am Junction Road

Joe Zelinski, Alliant Energy, Steve Beversdorf, Madison Gas and Electric

The reconstruction of this roadway left little space for the many existing utilities to relocate into. Alliant Energy Madison Gas and Electric, Charter Communications, TDS Telecom and Madison Unified Fiber Networks all needed to find a place to go. The answer in this case was to colocate within a common trench. This solution required a new level of coordination which was challenging to say the least. Hear a little bit about how all parties involved achieved the common goal of getting the project done.

#### 9:50 – 10:30 am NESC Code Update

Phil Carroll, P.E., Finley Engineering Company, Inc.

Many states have adopted or are in the process of adopting the C2-2012 edition of the National Electric Safety Code. This session will take a look at changes in the new code that impact joint use (or individual utilities), foreign facility placement in energy utility space, and antenna and foreign utility placement at the tops of poles.

10:30 - 10:50 am

**Networking Break** 

#### 10:50 – 11:50 am Legal Panel

Tom Magee, Keller & Heckman, Peter L. Gardon, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C., Natasha Ernst, Crown Castle; Chris Huther, Wiley Rein

This distinguished multi-industry panel of attorneys will provide you with the opportunity to openly participate in a stimulating conversation on our industry. Building on earlier sessions, our panel will provide an update on legislative and regulatory issues affecting pole owners and attachers. Find out from all perspectives what you need to know about new regulations, recent and pending court cases and other relevant information.

#### 11:50 – 1:30 pm Lunch and a presentation by Live Line Demo

Live Line Demo is an industry leading electrical safety program that demonstrates live contact with 7200 Volts! This presentation will give you the information you need to save the lives of your co-workers that work near high voltage power lines. The dynamic presentation includes OSHA regulations, a live lockout/tagout program and specific instructions on OSHA's minimum approach distance to overhead power lines.

## **Travel Information**

## Wilderness Territory Resort / Glacier Canyon Lodge

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Parking is readily available. Please contact Guest Services for shuttle bus service throughout the Wilderness Territory.

#### **Hotel Arrangements**

Make your hotel reservations by calling 1-800-867-9453

Room rates for this conference at the Glacier Canyon Lodge Wilderness Resort are \$115+ tax per night.

# Registration

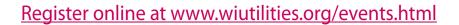
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#### Registration Fees \$120.00

Price includes meeting registration, comprehensive meeting materials, all food events and Wednesday vendor reception. Does not include room reservations.

For vendor registration please contact WUA.



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