

Abandoned Lines DG
Conference Call 2/21/2019
2:00 p.m.

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The problems identified regarding abandoned lines: recognizing whether a line is abandoned or “live”; lack of owner identification; some newer lines (6-7 years old) are being mapped (by Columbia), but the older lines are not; the uncertainty of whether other lines have been placed inside an abandoned line; many resources are being expended by both the utility companies and the contractors on abandoned lines; when a “abandoned line situation” is (temporarily) addressed, the work continues, and then the same situation repeats itself on the same line.

Columbia has looked into splitting abandoned lines but is concerned about damaging nearby facilities. They have also considered using marking tape to mark and identify abandoned facilities.

Clayton mentioned that Kokosing team members are concerned with all abandoned lines, but are particularly wary of gas and electric lines.

Next steps: Lori will try to find more information on possible solutions regarding abandoned lines. Alice will find and distribute CGA Best Practices regarding abandoned lines.

Next call: Wednesday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m.