

Large Project / Scope of Ticket Subcommittee
Conference Call
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Participants: Seamus Milligan, Mark Niehe, Liz Pyles, Kevin Schimming, Mary So, Al Tonetti, Joe Igel, Jeff Kursman, Alice Miller

Joe Igel opened the call by noting his past experience with helping to craft the original large project ticket language, and his advocacy for the large ticket process. He envisions this group will address issues of workability within the large project process which will make it a better process. He also suggested the group choose a spokesperson – one who will provide a report to the OUDPC when it reconvenes.

The point was made that a large project ticket is *not* a dig ticket.

Different uses of the project ticket were discussed and the fact that different stakeholders have a different definition as to what a large project ticket is. For example, an excavator may not classify a site/project as a large project because of its relative size, but the locator does consider it a large project because of the complexity involved with locating the facilities at the site.

Mary So noted that the large project process requires a lot of trust among all parties. She also noted that at Igel Company, subcontractors must agree to work within the large project process.

Joe suggested that the committee look at legal changes to the language that will a) improve the system, b) make it a safer process, and c) address the marking of facilities within the process. Mary suggested we look at clearing up the definition within the law.

Kevin Schimming noted that currently it is up to the excavator to determine whether an excavation is a large project, and that others should have that ability.

A discussion about the ability to improve communication among all stakeholders when using a large project ticket followed. Kevin asked if we should mandate communications from all parties (locators/facility owners/excavators) in order to end up with *what should be done* rather than *what is required*. Meetings, posting grids, emailed project updates, are all very helpful. Mary thought that perhaps a clearer scope of project from cradle to grave may help. Mary also talked about the importance of providing more contacts within a project, particularly when a situation arises – Joe echoed those sentiments. Mary said that requiring contact information may prove to help not only with communication, but also may protect everyone involved in the process.

The point regarding a marking schedule within a large project is not the same as a dig ticket – a dig ticket alters the situation. Kevin pointed out that while crafting legislation the more you get into the details, the more chance of it being found not workable by some. Mary asked if perhaps the OHIO811 center could help with the

large project schedule. Joe noted that the center may not want the liability of such a task. Kevin will talk with Roger. See next steps.

Mary noted that the lack of understanding about the various duties within the large project ticket may be clarified by the OHIO811 liaisons and through marketing. Perhaps the liaisons could talk about what does and doesn't work in addition to an overview of the process.

Alice will gather information from the center about excavators that have call in large project tickets, and Mary and Alice will reach out in order to find out if they still use the process, why/why not. See next steps.

Alice suggested we reach out to OHIO811 liaisons and ask them about the large project process – what are they hearing about the process, etc. Jeff Kursman volunteered to gather this information. See next steps.

Scope of Ticket was discussed and information will be gathered from the center to help with future discussions. See next steps.

Kevin Schimming volunteered to be the subcommittee representative.

Information gathered is to be provided to Alice by Friday, February 8th. The next conference call has been scheduled for February 21st at 12:30 p.m.

Next Steps: Kevin Schimming will discuss with Roger the possibility of the center maintaining the large project (marking) schedule; Alice Miller, will reach out to Cheryl and Kelly about 1) Obtain the name and contact information for those who have called in a large project ticket (during 2018). Alice and Mary So will contact them in order to garner information about the “large project” experience, 2) Re: Scope of Ticket, What is the criteria (if any) at the center for a CSR to suggest to a caller that they break a dig ticket into two or more tickets, or create a large project ticket; Jeff Kursman will contact the OHIO811 Liaisons about pros and cons that they have heard regarding large project tickets. The above information will be compiled by next Friday, February 8th. Mary and Alice will make calls between 2/8 and 2/21 – the next SC conference call.

Submitted By: Alice Miller 1/31/2019