

Be Safe—Call Before You Dig

*Locating, Inc. contracted to serve
Coos-Curry Electric members*

Utility facilities could be buried anywhere you plan to dig: under the road, sidewalk, or even in your yard.

Calling before you dig ensures that any underground facilities, including power lines will be marked so you can dig around them safely without accidentally damaging property or causing personal injury.

Most importantly, it could save a life.

Making the call to locate underground facilities prior to digging or excavation work is also a requirement under Oregon state law.

So, what do you do? First, if you are planning to use equipment to dig, you are required to call the clearinghouse for a location request. If you are hand digging, it is not required, but it still makes sense to call the clearinghouse so you know where the utility lines and cables are to avoid damaging them with a spade, shovel or post digger.

If you have hired an excavator, that person or company is responsible for calling the clearinghouse and obtaining a location of the facilities on your behalf.

The Call Before You Dig notification center number for our area is (800) 332-2344.

Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Your name, phone number, company name (if applicable), and mailing address.

- The name and phone number of an alternate contact person, in case the utilities have questions and cannot reach you.

- Distance of work to overhead power lines

- Type of work to be done

- Person for whom the work is being done

- Location of work, including street address, nearest cross street, city, county, township, range, section, etc.

- The distance and direction of the worksite from the intersection.

These questions are asked so that the customer service representative at the utility notification center can determine which utility companies need to be notified.

Within 2 hours, the utility notification center will send your locate request to the appropriate utility.

The notification center representative will provide you with a list of underground facility owners in your area, a time in which the underground lines will be marked and a ticket number for your reference.

Under normal circumstances it takes 48 hours from the time you call—not counting weekends or holidays—to have the underground lines marked. In the event of an emergency—any situation causing damage to life or property, or a service outage—lines can be marked sooner than the original given time if requested.

Locating, Inc. is the locating service Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) has contracted with to respond to member and contractor requests to locate underground electric facilities. For them to perform this work, CCEC has supplied Locating, Inc. with maps, drawings and other documents necessary to locate our underground facilities.

Remember, when you see a Locating, Inc. truck, they are rep-



representing CCEC and providing the locating service on behalf of the cooperative. Their trucks will be clearly identified as Locating, Inc. The electric facilities will be marked in red; communications and cable TV in orange; gas in yellow; proposed excavation in white and any temporary survey lines in pink.

The ticket number is the proof you called. If you need to call the Utility Notification Center for any reason, you will be asked for the ticket number. It is the only way the customer service representatives can reference your information.

Your ticket number might be needed when contacting people other than the Utility Notification Center. For example, the utility companies might ask for your ticket number if you need to contact them about your locate request or excavation plans, or you might be required to provide your ticket number when applying for permits.

Additional information may be obtained by calling CCEC, at the Call Before You Dig Web site at www.callbeforeyoudig.org, or by calling (800) 332-2344. ■

Making Energy Conservation Work

The region-wide Conservation and Rate Discount Program (C&RD) offered to Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) runs through September 2006. It is a way for the utility to earn back a rate credit and to promote conservation,

However, some utilities have earned sufficient credits, even surpassing requirements, allowing them to close out their participation in the program early. CCEC participates in this program through PNGC Power.

Pooling their results, PNGC Power members, including CCEC, have exceeded the C&RD credit requirement obligation. As a result, we were able to close out early. This is a strong showing with regard to our interest in and commitment to conservation. There is every reason to be proud of your fellow co-op members—and of your cooperative—for meeting these obligations ahead of what was required.

By working together on the C&RD program, each PNGC Power cooperative is now in a better position to manage its conservation efforts moving forward.

The BPA's new conservation program, scheduled to begin in October, is called the Conservation Rate Credit (CRC). The program will have more difficult requirements and fewer methods available to reach the same conservation goal.

The BPA is challenging us to get the job done, and it will require a cooperative effort. But even without the BPA programs or other incentives in place, we know you will continue to do your part.

Take a look around your home or your place of business to see if there are places you could use com-

pact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and consider replacing appliances with energy-efficient models such as Energy Star®.

For the PNGC Power member pool, the goal will be to capture about six average megawatts of conservation—enough to power about 5,000 homes. Depending on the life of the various methods used to capture conservation, this amount of conservation could provide energy savings for up to 20 years.

At a time when the region is planning ways to provide an affordable, reliable power supply for the next few decades, every kilowatt conserved means not having to replace it with potentially more expensive energy.

Conservation in the future is expected to be challenging; more challenging than in the recently concluded C&RD program.

We have a good chance for success because of the experience our cooperative gained during the C&RD program and your commitment to using energy more efficiently. We plan to build on that experience and perspective. ■

