

City of Meridian

1. For the modified Definition (15) it states that Facility owners identify themselves by name, intl's, or logo. Curious if these owner marks are to be standardized and recorded somewhere within UCC so contractors or homeowners can reference them and determine what facility owner they are? For example, MFO (Meridian Fiber Optic) or MRCW (Meridian Reclaimed Water) would be very confusing or undecipherable if owners were to just use initials of their own choosing. Owners should be required to standardize and post their logos / intl's within a general format that is used by UCC statewide.
2. How frequently do they expect logos and facility width to be physically marked? As currently written, it can be interrupted as required once per job or every 25-50'. Could use some clarification.
3. Under (1)(b) it states an option that owners can be called upon to physically locate (mark) their facilities if not visible from the surface. This should be a last used and final option to be exercised only after requester has exhausted all other means to locate owner facilities (i.e. Site visits, etc.). As currently written it's just an option that can be used whenever. This is a large issue for us now as we are continuously called upon to physically locate large project sites for the sole purpose of design. Unless under really special or critical circumstances, owners should be required to mark their facilities for the purpose of Excavation. If the requirements defined in (1)(a) and (1)(c) are sufficient for identifying visible and unlocatable lines for design, it should be sufficient for un-visible lines as well. We want to ensure this not the first go to for design as it is now and is defined to be utilized sparingly.

Idaho Power, Pocatello

1. We request that all facilities be located regardless of width. We believe this leaves too much room for interpretation and some facilities could be mislabeled or undetermined on our infrastructure mapping.

ADA County UCC

1. There would definitely be a cost savings due to less damages and more accurate plans during the design phase of a project
2. Question: If marks are put on the ground during the design phase and they are off – who is responsible for a change order?
3. Suggestion that since ultimately it is the utilities that pay for the cost of putting paint on the ground, this committee should reach out to the utilities for their input. Most of the design locates cover a very large area and the cost would be very high to mark them out.
4. Would it be possible to specify certain utilities put paint on the ground rather than everyone mark?

Dig line

1. (15) "Marking" I understand that there are times where there are more than one communication line in an area and it can get confusing who belongs to which mark, but to require **all** utilities to incl name/initials or logo is just creating more of a mess on the ground

with even more paint. If there is only one gas line, or one power line or water or sewer line in the area, why would they have to put even more paint on the ground? Help me understand.

2. Design locate request

The notification shall describe by street address or lot and block the area of the design – what if there is no address or no lot and block? The majority of the pre designs are for large fields or even several miles along a highway so there is no address available and no lot and block assigned. What if it is an intersection or several blocks within city limits? We have pre designs that can cover a 20 mile road or even an area that covers 5 or ten miles of property that will be developed for a new road or highway out in the middle of nowhere. By address or lot and block is too limiting.

3. Under (1) Within ten business days after a design locate request, the underground facility owner **must:**

(a) Provide a map – well over half of our utility members are very small and do not have maps available. This would be creating an undue burden to them. It would be easier for them to make a phone call so I am glad to see section (d) on the list

4. Under (3) the requestor is responsible for maintaining the markings for 28 days following the date of notification – my big question is “why”? Most of the pre designs are for design work and the project can be many months or even years down the road, but this is stating that they would be required to still maintain the marks. Again, help me understand why.

5. Under (4) would we need to define what a pre-design meeting is since that is a new term.