

New Practice Proposal – April 19, 2018

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Please let us know if you are submitting a new practice proposal or revision to an existing practice.

New Proposal - This is a proposal for a new best practice.

Purpose: Describe the purpose of the proposed practice or revision.

To ensure the safety of homeowners when digging in their own property by requiring gas, phone and catv to locate the consumer lines through the property to the house, not just doing the easements, where homeowners don't dig normally anyway.

Origin/Rationale: Briefly describe the origin/rationale behind the practice proposal or revision. Include any examples of existing practices.

Currently in Gunnison County we at Gunnison County Electric are the only utility that marks to the house, all the others locate the easements only ie: gas, phone, CATV. Gas, phone and catv must locate to the house for homeowners to be safe digging in their yards. Why call 811 if the lines they need located aren't going to be done anyway?

References/Practices: Provide references for specific existing practices cited in Origin/Rationale.

Currently 811 advertises and encourages homeowners to call 811 before digging in their own yards. However, in Gunnison County, only the electric lines get marked through the person's property to the house. Many homeowners don't realize that their gas and phone/catv lines haven't been marked and they proceed to dig. We had a homeowner dig into the gas line on Tuesday while landscaping.