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## Notice of Public Rulemaking Hearing

The Oregon Utility Notification Center (Oregon 811) has scheduled a public rulemaking hearing to receive testimony on the changes published in [The Oregon Bulletin for March 2025 \(Notices of Proposed Rulemaking\)](#). These changes were originally scheduled for an April 1 effective date, but have been postponed to accommodate this hearing. This will be a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

**Hearing Date/Time:** April 15, 2025, 10 a.m. (PST)

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934386372>

### WHAT WILL THIS INVOLVE?

At this virtual meeting on Zoom, we are welcoming your testimony on the following [proposed changes to Oregon Administrative Rules](#):

1. Specifying recruitment partners for OUNC board. [adds OAR 952-001-0002]
2. Changes to definitions in OAR 952-001-0010
  - o Defining “large area” as a project exceeding seven hundred fifty linear feet. [amends OAR 952-001-0010 (10)]
  - o Adding hand digging, air cutting, vacuum excavation or hydro vacuum excavation to the definition of “non-invasive methods.” [amends OAR 952-001-0010 (13)]
  - o Reducing ticket length from 45 days to 30 days. [amends OAR 952-001-0010 (23)]
3. Allowing for the use of electronic white lining. [amends OAR 952-001-0040]
4. Working within a facility enclosure exempted from notification requirement. [amends OAR 952-001-0050 (2)]
5. Clarifying design locate request process, delivery of drawings and maps owned by facility operators during planning. [amends OAR 952-001-0080]

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with [OAR 137-001-0030](#), and in compliance with the [Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual](#). The meeting will be recorded and written comments/evidence accompanying oral testimony will be accepted as well.

### WHY IS THIS BEING SCHEDULED?

After years of meetings in committees and hearings before the full board, the changes listed above were approved by the Oregon Utility Notification Center Board of Directors in January 2025 and published in [The Oregon Bulletin for March 2025 \(Notices of Proposed Rulemaking\)](#).

ORS 183.335 (3)(a) states that after the notice is published, a request "received from 10 persons or from an association having not less than 10 members" prompts a required public hearing. We received a qualifying request, and the hearing notice is being included in The Oregon Bulletin for April 2025, which is at least 14 days before the hearing will be held.

### **WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?**

Any interested parties are invited to attend, observe and testify. The presiding officer of the hearing will be Josh Thomas, Executive Director of the Oregon Utility Notification Center. Testimony received will be reported to the OUNC Board of Directors and discussed at the next quarterly meeting on April 17 in Canyonville, Oregon. The board will consider whether the comments received for each of the rules will justify proceeding as planned, amendment, or delaying implementation for further review. All OUNC meetings except Executive Session are open and accessible to the public.

### **HOW CAN PEOPLE TESTIFY?**

If you plan to provide testimony, notify Josh Thomas at [josh.thomas@digsafelyoregon.com](mailto:josh.thomas@digsafelyoregon.com). Please include your name, address, organization/affiliation, which specific rule(s) you plan to address, and attach any comments, evidence or supplemental materials you'd like to provide. We will hear comments on each rule from people in the order in which they were received. There will also be an opportunity to sign up at the beginning of the hearing.

Comments may be restricted to a reasonable time limit, and testimony may be excluded if it is cumulative, repetitious or immaterial, per [OAR 137-001-0030 \(9\)](#). There has been some confusion and misunderstanding about some of the proposed changes, so you are encouraged to review the filing to ensure your comments are relevant to what is being proposed.

If you need special accommodation or have questions about how to connect, just let us know and we're glad to help. Thank you for your interest in this process, and for your role in helping support damage prevention in Oregon.

Best regards,



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