

Cross Connection Advisory Board – MINUTES

June 5, 2025 | Noon - 1:00pm

Portland State Office Building | 800 NE Oregon Street | Portland, OR 97232

Attendance: Molly Keller, Greg Hall (Glacier Valley), Jed Scheuermann (Plumber), Kahlil Howell (Tualatin Valley), Tommy Laird (WRD), Lucas Moran (EWEB), Chis MacQuarrie (Instructor), Rob Compton (Hillsboro), Carl Schaumburg (Corvallis), Scott Ruyle (Salem), Matt Bruton (Tester), Jordan Scott (Tester)

1. Call to Order: 12:01pm
2. Introductions – n/a
3. Approval of Minutes – n/a
4. Department Reports
 - a. none
5. Old Business
 - a. none
6. New Business
 - a. Update CCAB Board members
7. Correspondence
 - a. none
8. Public Comment
 - a. Jordan Scott - Tester in Milwaukie - ECOS Connect on behalf of Milwaukie Water, invoicing testers at \$10 a test submitted after July 1, 2025. Enforcement on ECOS side, bill not paid, access to Ecos Connect will be suspended, possibly with just Milwaukie but maybe all systems that use ECOS Connect.
Rob Compton - \$10 fee is a Milwaukie only decision. Testers and customers don't have any input in this decision. Milwaukie not telling customers of the price increase. If they are suspended from ECOS, would the State step in? Water system charging for something they are requiring. Who came up with the \$10, did

EcosConnect. Prohibiting a tester from submitting a report.

- b. Matt Bruton – moving test due dates up, from later in the year to earlier in the year. Long term employees better, faster, famelier with backflow.
- c. October 1st ABPA meeting coming up, LCB ceu's, maybe CCB ceu's

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting

- August 7, 2025

Dear Backflow Testing Company,

Beginning on July 1, 2025, all passing test report submissions to the City of Milwaukie will accrue a Test Report Submission fee of \$10 per test report submission through EcosConnect charged to the testing company. No fee will be charged for a failing test result submission. This fee offsets the cost for the use of EcosConnect, and for producing and sending test reminder communications to water customers having backflow prevention assemblies on behalf of the city.

EcosConnect will bill you monthly, multiplying the number of passing test reports submitted to the City of Milwaukie in the prior month x \$10. Payment must be made within 15 days from the date of the invoice. We are hopeful that by billing you after you have provided services to your customer, instead of at the time of test report submission or through a prepayment process, this will allow you some time to collect payment from your respective customers prior to receiving the EcosConnect invoice.

Failure to receive payment by your customer(s) is not an excuse for not making payment to EcosConnect. Failure to make payment within the 15-day window may result in suspension of your account with EcosConnect, potentially preventing the timely submission of all test reports to their respective water suppliers from your company. In addition, EcosConnect may file a claim against your CCB or LCB bond with the State of Oregon, or equivalent if your company is based outside the State of Oregon.

Although this fee & process is quite common across the U.S., we understand that this is possibly "new to you" and will work with you to minimize disruption and perception that this fee is an increase in your test rates to the customer.

Best regards,
Paul

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