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With a spring and summer filled with challenges from Mother Nature, we are hoping for a more favorable forecast that is conducive to pipeline progress. The rain has been problematic for many projects this work season which has resulted in wait time, rain-outs, and work delays. Yet our membership has remained committed to finishing the job. Some Rover pipe gangs are close to wrapping up. There is still quite a bit of work in the area that will need to be manned. Michigan was slow to start this year, but business is picking up with some smaller projects underway. And we are still watching for the Nexus.

The Senate recently restored the FERC quorum, which approves pipeline projects. This five-panel committee is part of the agency that votes for or against our pipelines. FERC has been without a voting quorum since Chairman Norman Bay resigned in February. The lack of a quorum meant FERC had not held a regular monthly meeting since January and had been unable to move energy projects forward. All of the pipeline community, especially 798, have been waiting on the restoration of the voting quorum in hopes that major projects like the Nexus will move forward. Read more at www.ferc.gov.

I am continuing my rounds visiting jobs. It is always helpful to meet with the hands to address questions and concerns. One concern I would like to emphasize pertains to job-related injuries. It is important to always report all job-related injuries at the time of the incident to ensure that it is handled swiftly, and appropriately. Job-related injuries also need to be documented at the time of occurrence to generate a written record. Coverage of medical services related to workplace injuries is the contractor's responsibility and not that of our PIBF insurance.

I hope you will all do your best to attend our regular September Membership Meeting in Tulsa and/or our September Regional Meeting in Cleveland, OH, at the Lincoln Electric headquarters. Both our 798 staff and the Lincoln support team have worked hard on the proposed set-up. We'll enjoy a catered lunch, factory tours, vendor displays, and door prizes. This will be an occasion to visit with 798 staff including our Business Manager, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Business Agents, Organizers, Director of Training, and PIBF Pension and Contribution Manager, as well as Lincoln representatives.

Call me if I can be of any assistance. Work safe and stand together, UNION strong.

Pre-jobs:

1127 Construction:

Canton, OH. 6,000' of 12" replacement in Stark County, OH, for Dominion Energy.
Superintendent: Joe Smith. Welder Foreman: Dave Kandle. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 9/30/17.

Apex:

Cameron, OH. 12 miles of 16" new lay for Rice Energy. Superintendent: Dana Keaton.
Welder Foreman: Josh Nichols. Working 5-12s. Approx. completion 10/6/17.

Big Inch:

Cicero, IN. 2"-36" fabrication for Energy Transfer. Superintendent: Jim Shepler.
Welder Foreman: Layne Richard. Working 6-10s. Job complete.

Foltz Welding:

- Chandler, IN. HDD re-route on the Ohio and Wabash Rivers, 2 miles of 20" for Marathon Pipeline. Superintendent: Kevin Cane. Welder Foreman: Mark Elliott. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 11/30/17.
- Vigo, Parke, and Putman Counties IN. 10" anomaly digs for Marathon. Superintendent: Hank Hull. Welder Foreman: Layne Briscoe. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 7/14/17.

Meade:

Lafayette, IN. ½ mile of 12" with road bore and small station installation and removal in Tippecanoe County, IN for Vectren. Superintendent: Josh Hanna. Welder Foreman: Chris Lee. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9/12/17.

Mid-Ohio:

- Akron, OH. 448' of 20" replacement plus 3,000' of 30" hydro-test for Dominion East Ohio. Superintendent: James Hawk. Welder Foreman: Ryan Frey. Working 5-10s. Job complete.
- Martin's Ferry, OH. 8,000' of 12" new lay and 3,000' of 10" new lay in Belmont County, OH, for Mark West. Superintendent: Joe Zadra. Welder Foreman: Kevin Callahan. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8/31/17.

Minnesota Limited:

- Independence, OH. 2,800' of 30" lift and lay in Cuyahoga County, OH, for Dominion Gas. Superintendent: Chad Weygand. Welder Foreman: Randall Pinell. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 7/14/17.
- Dover, OH. Scio Metering Station 1"-12" fabrication in Tuscarawas County, OH, for Kinder Morgan. Superintendent: Gary Hawk. Welder Foreman: Aaron Schrontz. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10/12/17.

PJ Steele:

- Kingsley, MI. Replace 1,600' of 10" for Mich-Con. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Cary Butterfield. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 7/19/17.
- Six Lakes, MI. Install 2.2 miles of 10" gathering line for Mich-Con. Superintendent: Larry Townsend. Welder Foreman: Casey Butterfield. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8/18/17.

RL Coolsaet:

- McComb, MI. Take-up and relay of 700' of 26" pipe and install 4-26" valves for Consumers Energy. Superintendent: Bart Jeanette. Welder Foreman: Jim Cook. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 9/1/17.
- Romulus, MI. 8" fitting replacements in Calhoun County, MI, for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. Superintendent: Jack Hill. Welder Foreman: Michael Fischer. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 8/31/17.

Roberts:

Canfield, OH. 15' of 10" integrity dig in Mahoning County, OH, for Buckeye Partners. Superintendent: Bobby Westraeter. Welder Foreman: Richard Sowell. Working 5-10s. Approx. completion 8/11/17.

Welded:

Milford, MI. Install 2,530' of 30" including launcher and receiver, plus 3-30" valves in Oakland County, MI, for DTE Energy. Superintendent: Phil Randall. Welder Foreman: Roger Williams. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 10/7/17.