

GIS Panel

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Hot Topics at STAR

- Integration of staking data to GIS
- No “standard” anything
- Third party “add-ons” don’t work as advertised
- Data models
- Operations information:
 - Pole inspection data
 - ROW maintenance
 - Meter inspection

Third Party “Add-Ons”

- Make commitment to base ESRI software
- Tools that claim to make GIS “easier to use” rely heavily on creating dependence with vendor
- Add-ons limit future flexibility
- ESRI—Easier to make edits “out-of-the-box”

Integration of Staking Sheets

- Experience with StakeOut[®] and Partner Platform
- Neither system designed to integrate easily with “typical” geodatabase
- Must work with vendor to develop customized solution – unfortunately, need knowledgeable people to move conversation
- Have integrated with current ESRI database model

Standards...

- MultiSpeak[®], web services, data models
- Software vendors are overplaying their “integration” status because few are actually trying to deploy features
- The tag of “MultiSpeak[®]” does not mean it will work out of the box
- “MultiSpeak[®]” does not mean you will get the data extract you want

Data Models

- Expect to change
- Must not break data connections when migrating, which is why it's important to understand interconnectivity of software