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BOARDWALK PIPELINE HALVES SCHEDULING TIME WITH SCHEDULEPRO

Customer

Boardwalk Pipeline Partners provide transportation and storage of natural gas and liquids for their customers. They operate 14,335 miles of pipelines and underground storage caverns with an aggregate working gas capacity of approximately 205 billion cubic feet and liquids capacity of approximately 24.5 million barrels. Working with such large volumes, they are committed to operating in a safe, reliable and compliant manner. Boardwalk was searching for an employee scheduling solution that would scale with their business and drastically reduce the time they spent on scheduling. They also wanted to ensure they were meeting the PHMSA CRM hours of service rules effectively.

Challenge

Boardwalk previously relied on spreadsheets along with pen and paper to manage schedules for gas controllers. Unavailability requests were submitted by email or sometimes even printed and submitted by hand. This made it extremely time consuming for managers to coordinate schedules, track employee hours and absences, and assign tasks. Managers would constantly update a spreadsheet, and then print a hard copy out to place in a binder -sometimes repeating the process multiple times to reflect changes.

Results

- Reduced time spent on scheduling by 50%
- Complies fully
 with PHMSA CRM
 hours of service
 rules
- Implemented and live in 3 months

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Boardwalk is committed to following the hours of service rules, but with these manual methods of scheduling, the risk of errors was increasing. As the number of operators and gas controllers continued to increase, Boardwalk identified the need for a scheduling system that could scale with their business.

Solution

Boardwalk chose SchedulePro as their preferred solution to reduce the costs of scheduling and to facilitate compliance with PHMSA CRM hours of service rules. Through a collaborative effort with Boardwalk's Gas Control and IT departments alongside the SchedulePro team, the solution was successfully implemented in a span of just 3 months.

"We are really happy to have moved on from pen and paper to a fully electronic system in the cloud," said Mitch Whitehead, Manager of Gas Control at Boardwalk. "With SchedulePro, we have cut the time and effort we spent scheduling in half."

SchedulePro significantly improves Boardwalk's ability to effectively schedule employees. Not only does it eliminate the overlap and delay the old system was causing, but it also offers rich features such as auto-scheduling that saves a lot of time. In addition, the system is able to manage complex rules when populating the schedule, ensuring that PHMSA CRM hours of service rules are always met.

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Working with the SchedulePro team was very positive. They guided us at every step of the way, making sure we were not overwhelmed. They were always willing to help, and they actually went above and beyond to ensure a successful implementation."

Eugene Lam Solutions Architect



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