

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JOINT POLE COMMITTEE

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May 24, 2005

A meeting of the **ad hoc Committee on Authorized Cost Elements** took place on the above date, at 11:30 a.m., at the Committee office. Those in attendance were:

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| Ms. Velma Prouty | SBC-Pacific Bell |
| Mr. Ernie Solorzano | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. Dan Lewis | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. Sheldon Cox | City of Pasadena |
| Ms. Paula Haney | Verizon California |
| Ms. Lynn Prescott | Verizon Wireless |
| Ms. Sue Thomas | Sprint PCS |
| Ms. Lupe Hernandez | AT&T Wireless |
| Ms. Jennie Corella | Committee Staff |

Chairman, Mr. Solozano called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Ms. Prescott opened the meeting by discussing the suspension on **Section 18.1-F**. In her opinion, it appears that the members now have a clear understanding of the intent of this section, and it should be put on the discussion calendar for suspension removal. Mr. Solorzano remarked that he is not opposed to issues brought to his attention. If his staff is incorrectly utilizing any section in the Routine, then he should be informed in order to correct the problem within his organization. He informed the members that SCE is restructuring their joint pole division. It was agreed that this issue would be on the discussion calendar of the June board meeting.

The next item discussed was **Item 1361: Removal of Ivy**. Mr. Solorzano opened by stating that, previously, Verizon California requested a trip to the site to view the removal of ivy from a pole to validate the proposed \$200.00 cost. He further stated that, to his knowledge, that action has taken place. Ms. Haney interjected that the stand Verizon California is taking, is that this action should continue to be handled via special agreement. Mr. Solorzano inquired if the other members were in agreement with Verizon California. Ms. Prouty was reminded that she is requesting a photograph of the pole's condition prior to removing the ivy. Mr. Solorzano responded that at an earlier meeting, he had presented photographs to the

members. Ms. Haney stated that after viewing the photographs, she supported and confirmed Verizon's stand on the issue of continuing to handle this action via special agreement. Ms. Prouty reiterated that SBC is requesting a photograph of the condition of the pole, prior to ivy removal, to be attached to the final JPA. Mr. Solorzano responded that he would notify the person responsible for this action, within his organization, to discuss how this action should be handled in order to furnish a photograph to the JPA members. Mr. Solorzano questioned Ms. Haney how Verizon intends on handling this action, until an authorized cost is established. He further questioned how the two entities would arrive at a cost via special agreement. Ms. Haney responded that the party representing Verizon, and the party representing Edison would meet in the field and agree on an equitable cost. Mr. Lewis inquired how Verizon would arrive at a cost initially. Ms. Haney responded that the cost is dependent on the Verizon engineering department. Mr. Solorzano responded that Edison is providing an hourly cost by establishing an authorized cost. Ms. Haney responded that the cost would vary depending on the condition of the pole and the time required to remove the ivy. She further stated that the pictures provided by SCE reflected several pole conditions, thus requiring different approaches. Mr. Solorzano agreed to address this issue within his organization.

Item 1360: Crane Costs was next for discussion. Mr. Solorzano stated that this issue should not be confused with the crane costs imbedded in lightweight steel poles. This addresses the use of a crane for wood poles. It was agreed that SCE would provide a copy of an invoice for the next meeting reflecting the costs incurred by SCE when utilizing a crane.

Mr. Solorzano reported that he would present a video to the members at the next board meeting, showing the use of helicopters in pole transactions.

The next issue discussed was **Item 1341: Storm Costs**. It was agreed that no costs have been established at this time for overtime costs in cases of urgency. Mr. Solorzano stated that he had established a proposed cost for this item. Currently, this issue is handled via special agreement. Mr. Solorzano stated that he would provide documentation supporting the proposed costs submitted by SCE.

The last topic of discussion was **Item 1366: Review Anchor, overhead and down guys**. Ms. Corella questioned if this issue has been resolved. Ms. Hernandez responded that the overhead and down guy issue has been resolved, however, the anchor issue remains open. The issue on anchors is that incoming members are buying anchors at a higher cost than poles. This is due to anchors not depreciating. In recollection, the members agreed that Mr. Allen and Mr. Solorzano would not support the idea of

depreciating anchors. This item would remain open with the item description changed to read, "Review Anchor".

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next meeting would be announced at the next Board meeting.

Jennie Corella, Office Manager

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November 8, 2005

A meeting of the **ad hoc Committee on Authorized Cost Elements** took place on the above date, at 9:00 a.m., at the Committee office. Those in attendance were:

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| Ms. Velma Prouty | SBC-West |
| Mr. Robert Allen | City of Los Angeles |
| Mr. Dan Lewis | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. Sheldon Cox | City of Pasadena |
| Ms. Paula Haney | Verizon California |
| Mr. Tibor Laky | Sprint LP |
| Ms. Sue Thomas | Sprint PCS |
| Ms. Lupe Hernandez | Cingular Wireless |
| Ms. Tina Taylor | Sprint PCS |
| Mr. Manuel Zamera | Sprint LP |
| Ms. Sherri Goetz | Southern California Edison |
| Ms. Jean Baccus | Committee Staff |

Chairman, Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and led a discussion regarding weighted average pole prices. In his opinion each company should have their own pole prices. Some of the weighted average costs proposed are very low compared to the prior year. The weighted average prices have dropped because the largest pole setters are no longer in the average. It was decided since this is the first draft of 2006 pole prices everyone would review them and they would be discussed at a later date. If all the companies do not have their pole prices in by November 16, 2005, they will default to 2005 prices for that Member.

Item 1360: Crane Costs was next for discussion. Mr. Lewis stated that SCE Transportation Services would cover this issue during the first meeting next year with a presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting would be announced at the next Board meeting.

Jean Baccus, Committee Staff

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December 13, 2005

A conference call of the **ad hoc Committee on Authorized Cost Elements** took place on the above date, at 1:00 p.m. Those members who joined the conference call were:

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| Ms. Velma Prouty | SBC-West |
| Mr. Robert Allen | City of Los Angeles |
| Mr. Ernie Solorzano | Southern California Edison |
| Ms. Lynn Prescott | Verizon Wireless |
| Mr. Sean Matlock | Golden State Water |
| Ms. Sue Thomas | Sprint PCS |
| Ms. Lupe Hernandez | Cingular Wireless |
| Mr. Mahendra Garg | City of Anaheim |
| Ms. Norine Luker | NextG Networks |
| Mr. Richard Walker | NextG Networks |
| Ms. Jennie Corella | Committee Staff |

Chairman, Mr. Solorzano opened the discussion by asking the members if they have any issues with any of the proposed pole costs. Ms. Prescott noted that in the weighted average worksheet, the City of Riverside did not submit a cost for the 30-foot wood pole, yet did set one in the last five years. It was agreed to remove Riverside from the 30-foot pole cost. Mr. Solorzano stated that it must be noted in the minutes that those members who have failed to submit pole costs would automatically default to the weighted average costs.

Mr. Solorzano then took the costs of those members who chose to have their costs published individually (not in the weighted average mix), and questioned if the members approved these costs. The members agreed with all the costs submitted by the individual members.

Ms. Corella will make the minor corrections on the weighted average worksheet. The consensus is to place the pole costs on the consent calendar of the January Board meeting for Committee approval.

Mr. Allen, and Mr. Garg noted that, their pole vendors have informed them, that in 2006 the cost of poles would increase. However, since they both have submitted their costs, they agreed that their costs would remain

as originally submitted at this time. They would like it noted, that next year, there would be a substantial increase in their costs.

The call concluded at 1:35 p.m. The next meeting would be announced at the next Board meeting.

Jennie Corella, Office Manager