

Southern California Joint Pole Committee

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A meeting of the **ad hoc Compliance Committee** took place on the above date, at 10:02 a.m., at the Committee office.

Those in attendance were:

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| Ms. Megan LaMon | Crown Castle NG West Inc. |
| Mr. John Bacon | City of Los Angeles |
| Ms. Melissa La | City of Los Angeles |
| Ms. Naomi Garcia | City of Los Angeles |
| Mr. Lex Treepaisan | Frontier Communications |
| Ms. Silvana Ray | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. Kristoffer Scheetz | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. James Mackenzie | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. Salvador Zambrano | City of Burbank |
| Mr. Michael Truong | City of Burbank |
| Ms. Lynne LaFrenais | Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. |
| Mr. Hien Vuong | City of Azusa |
| Mr. Joseph DeLaTorre | City of Azusa |
| Ms. Angela Pranata | Committee Staff |
| Ms. Kathleen Allen | Committee Staff |
| Ms. Anali Spencer | Committee Staff |

Those attending via teleconference were:

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| Ms. Aarize Dizon | Crown Castle NG West Inc. |
| Mr. Jeremy Effinger | Crown Castle NG West Inc. |
| Ms. Jacqueline Costa | Crown Castle NG West Inc. |
| Ms. April DeBarge | Southern California Edison |
| Ms. Carla Stephen | Southern California Edison |
| Ms. Marisol Bailey | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. Michael Pearson | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. Kevin Flores | Southern California Edison |
| Mr. Samuel Picazo | Southern California Edison |
| Ms. Shelby Mulvehill | Southern California Edison |

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| Ms. Kay Black | AT&T California |
| Mr. Barry Consulter | AT&T California |
| Mr. Todd Dailey | AT&T California |
| Mr. Alvin Robielos | AT&T California |
| Mr. Aaron Cochran | AT&T California |
| Ms. Joy Young | AT&T California |
| Mr. John Vu | City of Anaheim |
| Mr. Alex Parra | City of Riverside |
| Ms. Claudia Arellano | City of Vernon |
| Mr. Ben Coffey | City of Banning |
| Ms. Yesenia Delgado | Time-Warner Cable |
| Mr. Nick Van Stryk | City of Vernon (Petrelli Electric) |
| Ms. Tamara Zaki | Boldyn Networks US LLC |
| Ms. Patti Ringo | Sonic Telecom, LLC |
| Ms. Maria Ortiz | MCI Metro ATS/MCI Telecommunications/XO Communications |
| Ms. Alicia Smith | Sprint Nextel/Sprint Communications |
| Mr. Irvin Orzuna | City of Glendale |
| Ms. Shawn Henderson | T-Mobile USA |
| Ms. Linda McLean | Extenet Systems |
| Mr. Anthony Ghilardi | City of Pasadena |
| Mr. Johnny Villalobos | M-Power Communications |

Ms. LaMon called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Review of prior month’s meeting minutes

Ms. LaMon inquired if the members had any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the prior meeting minutes.

There were no comments or concerns from any members.

Agenda Item 2 – Item 1630: CPUC Updates (2/14/17– title changed 04/17/2019) – The Admin Board decided this topic requires greater discussion and is to remain open (8/14/2018).

Ms. LaMon opened the discussion to CPUC updates and stated that this item is on hold for now.

There were no comments or concerns from any members.

Agenda Item 3 – Item 1658: Environmental Issues (1/16/2019, moved from Admin Board on 1/15/2020)

Ms. LaMon opened the discussion to Environmental Issues. She asked the members if they had anything to discuss at this time.

There were no comments or concerns from any members.

Agenda Item 4 – Item 1800: Approved Maintenance Program Review (K. Black – AT&T CA – 2/19/2025)

Ms. LaMon opened the discussion to the Approved Maintenance Program Review. She stated that at the last meeting they discussion the GO 165 table. Ms. Black stated that it was covered in Routine Revision and since they are related this can be tabled until the other discussion is had. Ms. LaMon stated that at the last meeting the two items' Members were to discuss internally were the frequency of the inspections and what the deliverables would be. She asked the Members to go back and have those conversations as this is tabled for next month.

There were no comments or concerns from any members.

Agenda Item 5 Miscellaneous -

Grounding on Steel Poles

- *Action Item from the last meeting: Mr. Harmon & Ms. LaMon will work on the verbiage for Grounding on Steel poles.*

Ms. LaMon asked Mr. Harmon if he had the opportunity to work on this. Mr. Bacon asked if this was for the typical communication ground every 1500 feet for a steel pole and they are going to attach it. Mr. Harmon had to drop off of the meeting, Ms. La Mon stated that this was regarding replacing a wood pole with a steel pole and how the communications are transferred to the steel pole. She stated oftentimes he has seen in the field a wood arm put on the steel pole and there was concerns about grounding. The main point Mr. Harmon was looking for was setting a standard for how those would be transferred to the new pole. Mr. Treepaisan stated it was the common bonding between the communication messenger and the steel pole sometimes within two feet. Mr. Bacon stated for communication companies they could buy a self-tapping drip, which when they drill it is putting the threads in the steel pole itself. From there they can get the same size thread and screw that in as a ground lug on the pole and put a washer and they steel brush the galvanization. Mr. Bacon stated that has worked for LADWP for grounding. He stated LADWP has what they call grounding pads where they flatten out an area on the pole that they can take a wire brush to and put some penatocks on it and make a secure ground to the steel pole once they get past the galvanization. If they do not get past the galvanization affects the resistance level or how good of a ground, they will get on it. Mr. Bacon stated that he has specifications that LADWP does on what they do for grounding a lug onto a steel pole and that there are alternatives for grounding on a steel pole once they transfer their communication to the steel pole to do a common ground. He stated he can give the specs that LADWP use. Ms. LaMon stated the main concern was that in some cases the entity doing the

replacement of the pole is doing the transfer of the comms and so the comm companies are not aware that that their communication are not properly grounded to the steel pole. They want to set forth what those standards are so if they are set if they are not transferred by the communication company. Mr. Bacon stated he will send out the specifications LADWP has on this and bring it up at the next meeting to see if they have any further questions to go over.

Ms. LaFrenais stated since they are discussing steel poles, she stated that Bear Valley Electric recently had a car hit a steel pole. She searched everywhere she could for a standard if the pole was damaged sufficiently enough to require replacement. Ms. LaFrenais stated that looking at all the industry standards there was none for damage to a steel pole. She was informed by the manufacturers of the steel pole that they just need to replace it. She stated steel poles are very expensive and it would be thought that depending on how much damage a car did to the pole there may be area and depth would have a criteria for whether or not the pole was degraded significantly enough to require a replacement, but no such standard was found. She asked if any of the members knew of a standard for steel poles. Mr. Bacon stated they could get a structural engineer to go out and take measurements of how much it caved in, how much the denture, and in the end, it may be the same cost as replacing the pole. Mr. Bacon stated that if they have overlapping steel poles, they can take the bottom of another pole, if they have leftover pieces, and slam the overstagger underneath and set the pole again. Ms. LaFrenais stated that would be a great thing to do but then how would that be billed. She stated a standard is needed. Mr. Vuong asked if there is an inspection or testing company that will do that. Ms. LaFrenais stated they are pretty remote and to get a company to go to Big Bear is difficult, but that there should be some kind of standard. Mr. Van Stryk stated that he does not know if there is even a standard for wood poles. He stated for a wood pole if the pole does not snap they shred a piece of it off and that most of the time it is by experience where they can tell how much of it is gone and what they have to do to make sure it is not going to fall over before they have time to replace it whether it is by temporary means or fixing it. Mr. Bacon asked if anyone else had anything on the grounding.

There were no further comments or concerns from any members.

Other Miscellaneous Items

Ms. LaMon asked if there were any other miscellaneous items.

There were no questions or comments.

Agenda Item 6 - Review of Action Items/JPA Alerts

- Mr. Bacon will send out specifications on the grounding on steel poles.
- Member teams should be going internally to discuss the maintenance program standards.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m. until June 18, 2025.

Transcribed by Anali Spencer - Committee Staff

Item 1800: Approved Maintenance Program Review

**Table 1
Distribution Inspection Cycles (Maximum Intervals in Years)**

| | Patrol | | Detailed | | Intrusive | |
|---|--------|----------------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Urban | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban | Rural |
| Transformers | | | | | | |
| Overhead | 1 | 2 ¹ | 5 | 5 | --- | --- |
| Underground | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | --- | --- |
| Padmounted | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | --- | --- |
| Switching/Protective Devices | | | | | | |
| Overhead | 1 | 2 ¹ | 5 | 5 | --- | --- |
| Underground | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | --- | --- |
| Padmounted | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | --- | --- |
| Regulators/Capacitors | | | | | | |
| Overhead | 1 | 2 ¹ | 5 | 5 | --- | --- |
| Underground | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | --- | --- |
| Padmounted | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | --- | --- |
| Overhead Conductor and Cables | | | | | | |
| Overhead Conductor and Cables | 1 | 2 ¹ | 5 | 5 | --- | --- |
| Streetlighting | | | | | | |
| Streetlighting | 1 | 2 | x | x | --- | --- |
| Wood Poles under 15 years | | | | | | |
| Wood Poles under 15 years | 1 | 2 | x | x | --- | --- |
| Wood Poles over 15 years which have not been subject to intrusive inspection | | | | | | |
| Wood Poles over 15 years which have not been subject to intrusive inspection | 1 | 2 | x | x | 10 | 10 |
| Wood poles which passed intrusive inspection | | | | | | |
| Wood poles which passed intrusive inspection | --- | --- | --- | --- | 20 | 20 |

(1) Patrol inspections in rural areas shall be increased to once per year in Extreme and Very High Fire Threat Zones in the following counties Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura. Extreme and Very High Fire Threat Zones are designated on the Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) Map prepared by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or the modified FRAP Map prepared by San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and adopted by Decision 12-01-032 in Phase 2 of Rulemaking 08-11-005. The fire-threat map is to be used to establish approximate boundaries and Utilities should use their own expertise and judgment to determine if local conditions require them to adjust the boundaries of the map.

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Outlook

Action Item – Review of SCJPC Approved Maintenance Program – Proposed use of GO 165 Table for Maintenance Program Shared Costs (Item 1800)

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Table 1 GO 165 Distribution Inspection Cycles.pdf;

Dear Members,

As discussed in the Compliance Committee meeting, the following action item requires your attention:

All members are to review the GO 165 table 1 (attached) and the below bullets and edits with their leadership teams.

- All existing SCJPC Approved Maintenance Programs will be updated to reflect one standard definition and criteria used to define what qualifies for shared billing.
- New SCJPC Approved Maintenance Programs will use the same standards.
- GO 165 Table 1 maximum age and intervals will be Intrusive inspection standards.
- Shared costs will apply to intrusive inspections, reinforcement, and re-tagging.

These are two of the edits to be discussed at either the Compliance Ad-Hoc or Routine Review Ad-Hoc meetings.

Glossary

F. Approved Maintenance Program

An Approved Maintenance Program will be one that was presented to the Administrative Board, and approved through the normal voting process, as outlined in the current Agreement.

The Membership “approval” is needed to bill shared costs through the Form 44 process, and not that the Membership is “approving” a Utility’s actual Maintenance Program. The criteria to define what qualifies as “mutual benefit” is outlined in sections 15.1a, 19.5, and 19.7.

Section 19.5

Inspection, or Inspection and Treatment of Poles

Inspection, or inspection and treatment of joint poles subject to GO 165 or GO 95 may be made by any joint owner without expense to the other owner(s).

When an approved maintenance program exists (see Glossary), the expense will be shared equally by each owner of the pole (See Item 12, may include item 6, and 15. See Section 2.7H for members with approved maintenance program). ~~May only be billed once every 5 years. (January 2012).~~ Billing of shared costs for intrusive testing shall adhere to the maximum age and interval requirements outlined in GO 165, Table 1. Additional intrusive testing may be conducted at the discretion of the base owner or upon request from another member to ensure compliance with General Order 95 Rule 44.2; however, such additional testing shall be performed at the expense of the requesting party, with no cost-sharing among members.

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Please review this with your leadership and be prepared to provide agreement or raise any concerns at the next meeting.

Thank you,

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