

## **Southern California Joint Pole Committee**

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**July 16, 2025**

A meeting of the **Routine Revision Committee** took place on the above date, **at 10:21 a.m. via teleconference. Those in attendance were:**

Ms. Maria Ortiz	MCI Metro ATS/MCI Telecommunications/XO Communications
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. Samuel Picazo	Southern California Edison
Ms. Shelby Mulvehill	Southern California Edison
Ms. Silvana Ray	Southern California Edison
Mr. Kristoffer Scheetz	Southern California Edison
Ms. Aarize Dizon	Crown Castle NG West Inc.
Mr. Jeremy Effinger	Crown Castle NG West Inc.
Ms. Jacqueline Costa	Crown Castle NG West Inc.
Mr. Lex Treepaisan	Frontier Communications
Ms. Kay Black	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. Julian Ruiz	AT&T California
Ms. Veronica Casanova-Romero	AT&T California
Mr. John Bacon	City of Los Angeles
Mr. Michael Truong	City of Burbank
Mr. Joseph DeLaTorre	City of Azusa
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. Alicia Smith	Sprint Nextel/Sprint Communications

Ms. Linda McLean	Extenet Systems
Ms. Heidi Seropian	Extenet Systems
Ms. Angela Pranata	Committee Staff
Ms. Kathleen Allen	Committee Staff
Ms. Anali Spencer	Committee Staff

Ms. Ortiz called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Review of prior month’s meeting minutes** – Ms. Ortiz opened the meeting by inquiring if there were any questions or concerns regarding the previous meeting minutes.

There were no comments or concerns from the members.

**Agenda Item 2 – Interpretation of Routine Handbook** – Ms. Ortiz stated that Example B14 was approved. Ms. Ortiz asked if there were any more items to bring up.

There were no comments or concerns from the members.

**Agenda Item 3 – Item 1597: Review of Routine Handbook Examples (5/19/2015)** – Ms. Ortiz opened the discussion to if there were any other examples to look at, review, or add.

There were no further comments or concerns from the members.

**Agenda Item 4 – Item 1793: Section 4.0 with Form 48 (Y. Delgado – Time Warner Cable 10/18/2023)** – Ms. Ortiz opened to Section 4.0 with Form 48 and asked if it was still on hold from SCE. This item is still on hold.

There were no further comments or concerns from the members.

**Agenda Item 5 – Item 1798: Strand Mount Antennas (Lex Treepaisan – Frontier Communications & Jeremy Harmon – Verizon Wireless, moved from Routine Revision – 3/15/23, moved from Compliance – 6/17/24) – 11/20/2024** – Ms. Ortiz opened to Strand Mounted Antennas. Mr. Treepaisan stated he would like to place this item on hold due to realizing he was looking at the wrong perspectives. This item was tabled for the next month.

There were no further questions or comments from the members.

**Agenda Item 6 - Item 1799: Approved Maintenance Program Routine Handbook Review (Kay Black – AT&T California - 2/19/25)** – Ms. Ortiz opened to the Approved Maintenance Program. Ms. Black stated that there is something in the packet to review. She stated that AT&T California’s intention was to establish an agreement for a new definition of what a maintenance program is, the requirements are for the company to have the maintenance program and create an understanding on what exactly the shared cost items are. She stated that part of this spill over to Compliance for the pole test and treatment item

number section. She stated for now they will be reviewing the glossary and the definition of a maintenance program edits in red. Ms. Black stated that when a member asks to have a maintenance program to be approved, it is not their specific maintenance program being approved, just that the utility is able to share costs through the SCJPC and have the cost show up on a Form 44. She stated that it is not that the membership that is agreeing to the actual maintenance program that the utility has designed for itself.

Ms. Black stated that Section 2.7 goes currently on who has a maintenance program that has been approved, and they are also inserting the word “intrusive” because they want to make sure it is clear that only intrusive inspections are being discussed for item number cost sharing. Ms. Black stated that what she was unable to add to the edits in the packet was that AT&T California would like the requirement of having a forecast sent. She stated there will be another paragraph stating that the owner implementing the inspection program will identify for the other owners their forecast for that year. She stated that the Form 2 is being sent, and 45 days are given to respond, but the other purpose for the forecast is so that they know how to budget accordingly instead of having a bunch of them show up every month.

Ms. Black stated there are also edits in Section 19.5 were adding “intrusive” to it. Ms. Black stated that part of the goal in editing this section is that if there are shared costs, there should be shared benefit and AT&T California believes they should be receiving some information from the utility doing the testing. She stated that the criteria being used is GO 165 Table 1 and asking for pole tag, year set, height, class, latitude/longitude, address, inspection, vendor doing the intrusive inspection or if the utility is testing it themselves. She stated that this information be a requirement and provided prior to billing in an Excel format. Ms. Black stated they can go over some other ideas or agree on a specific standard. Ms. Black stated that the last paragraph describes if something is out of the box and additional testing is required for example, a utility choses to intrusive test their own clients every five years they can do that, but that it does not qualify for shared costs. She stated a new utility wants to purchase interest and they do not have a recent intrusive testing, then they would be the one paying for the out of cycle intrusive test. Mr. Van Stryk stated his comment was on the last sentence regarding all being in Excel format *and all fields must be answered for cost sharing* be crossed out or modified to allow for PDF’s. Ms. Black stated that they could discuss different presentations of the data and that she could modify that. Ms. Black added the committee will review the specific authorized costs item numbers and Section 19.5 in Compliance. Ms. Black asked if there were any other questions, concerns, or edits. Ms. Ray stated that the version in the packet did not have Ms. Black’s additional notes and asked if the members could have that copy for review. Ms. Black stated she will forward them to Ms. Pranata to send out to the membership.

There were no further questions or comments from the members.

**Agenda Item 7 – Item 1804: Replacement of Joint Pole with Solely Owned Pole (Kay Black – AT&T California – 04/16/25)** – Ms. Ortiz stated this item was closed during the Administrative Board meeting.

**Agenda Item 8 - CalFire to Determine Cause of Fire Prior to JPA Billing (K. Black, AT&T California – 5/30/2025)** – Ms. Ortiz stated that Ms. Black provided some information during the Administrative Board meeting and asked if they needed to continue a discussion. Ms. Black stated she could go over her edits for this as well. Ms. Black stated that this is taking an item number and trying to evolve it. Ms. Black stated that she knows that there have been concerns about changing the process of billing and how the section codes are because everyone is backlogged, and billing takes time. She stated she would want to address some of those concerns and explain that Section 7.6B is the only item number AT&T California is asking they suspend the billing moving forward on because in the last 20 years there have been changes in pole attachers causing fires. She stated that it is not just power companies because the Malibu fire was started by a communication company overloading a pole. She stated AT&T California would like this section code to evolve and change with the time and that is why these edits are being presented to change it from just being a disaster for storm, fire, or wind, and at the bottom adding in if the disaster was a fire, billing will wait for the authority having jurisdiction to determine a cause. If the cause is found to be an SCJPC member then the JPA record paperwork should proceed with zero costs and the other members are held harmless like the agreement state and not charged. Mr. Van Stryk asked if this works better as a cost recovery mechanism instead of holding off billing. He stated if it takes three and a half years for them to come out with the designation, then administratively all the Form 2's need to be finalized, returned, and reviewed, bogging down the SCJPC. Ms. Black stated that they can final bill it but not do any cost sharing at this time, but the record will be updated so it is not holding any other JPA up. Mr. Van Stryk stated that he believes it would be better to edit the section to say they can use cost recovery mechanisms with the section for ten years, extending the cost recovery timeline. Ms. Ray stated that she agrees, and that the cost sharing procedure within the SCJPC is already complicated and cumbersome without adding additional burden to determine the relative cost after several years or after the fact. She stated administrative ability, efficiency considerations weighing in favor of just maintaining the status quo in which they can recover costs through a legal claim rather than creating a new untested system. Mr. Treepaisan stated that he liked Mr. Van Stryk's suggestion regarding changing the time frame to ten years may be advantageous here. He stated that any authority having jurisdiction their determination of cause is basically having expert testimony, and it can be refuted because they can hire their own and that is where it gets complicated. Mr. Treepaisan that there are usually high

dollar amounts involved, and it will be going into litigation which is years down the road. Then he stated it could be that something is settled out of court and there is non-disclosure so no decision is publicized. As far as cost recovery, Mr. Van Stryk's suggestion seems like something that might work. Mr. Treepaisan further stated that Cal Fire is not the end all verdict and that is the concern with this is because their findings can be refuted and it is expert testimony versus final verdict that changes things. Ms. Ray agreed. Mr. Bacon agreed with the Cal Fire is not the end all. He stated LADWP goes on business as usual and with final billing. He stated they already need to keep up with the JPA's they have now without holding them up. Mr. Bacon stated today there is great record keeping knowing who billed who and what transactions were taken place year to year. He stated the guilt is found a return check or receipt check back to the owners is how that plays out. Mr. Bacon to hold off 10 years on all this will create confusion and backlog money. He stated it is business as usual until it is decided and if any money is to go back and forth then it does between the two companies excluding the SCJPC keeping the wheel turning. Ms. Ray agreed. Ms. DeBarge asked about Mr. Van Stryk's statement about three and half year's cost recovery if he meant correction of records or what that was for. Mr. Van Stryk stated he was trying to think back to correction of records. Ms. DeBarge stated that it would be Section 13.2 and it would be five years. Ms. Black stated she thought Mr. Van Stryk was talking about claims for the claims department, which is three years. Mr. Van Stryk stated he was not talking about claims, but the section itself dedicated to cost recovery. Ms. DeBarge stated she had a question where the verbiage says zero costs, she wanted to know if that is stating the new pole as well. Whether it be a poled burned or died of natural causes or being just old, a member is still getting into a new pole. She stated that she does not know how claims works but when dealing from company to company. She would imagine if someone else was at fault and it was an SCE facility they would still incur in the shared cost of the structure and zero cost is premature, agreeing with what others are mentioning, and getting ahead of the game. Ms. Black asked if there were any other comments or concerns. She stated this will be taken back to discuss internally and see if they can come up with additional edits, leaving it on the agenda for next month.

There were no further questions or comments from the members.

### **Agenda Item 8 - Miscellaneous Issues -**

- Ms. Ortiz asked if there were any miscellaneous items.  
There were no comments or concerns from the members.

### **Agenda Item 9 - Review of Action items/JPA Alerts -**

- Ms. Black will send over the missing edits for the approved maintenance program to Ms. Pranata to forward to the members.
- Ms. Black to take back feedback for Section 7.6B and present additional information as needed.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. until August 20, 2025.

Transcribed by Anali Spencer – Committee Staff

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## 94.4 Clearances

- A. Antennas and supporting elements below supply lines shall maintain a vertical clearance of 6 feet from Supply Conductors operating at 0 – 50kV. (See [Figure 94-1](#))
- B. Antennas and supporting elements below communication lines shall maintain a 2 ft. vertical separation from communication conductors and equipment. (See [Figure 94-1](#))
- C. Antennas, associated equipment (e.g. terminations, enclosures) and support elements installed above supply lines and/or communication lines of different ownership attached to the same structure shall maintain the vertical clearances specified in [Rule 38, Table 2, Case 21, Columns A - H](#).  
Note: Other vertical clearances between communication equipment and supply lines are specified in [Rule 32.1.072](#).
- D. Antennas, associated equipment (e.g. terminations, enclosures) and support elements, installed above supply lines and/or communication lines of different ownership, shall maintain the radial clearances from unattached supply and communication lines specified in [Rule 38, Table 2, Case 3](#).
- E. Antennas shall maintain a 2 ft. horizontal clearance from centerline of pole when affixed between supply and communication lines or below communication lines. (See [Figure 94-1](#))
- F. Horizontal clearances from centerline of the pole for Antennas, associated equipment and support elements, affixed between supply lines or at the top of a climbable pole, are not specified, but must be arranged so that the pole may be climbed safely.
- G. Antennas shall have a vertical clearance above ground as specified in [Rule 37, Table 1, Column 6, Cases 1 -6a](#). (See [Figure 94-1](#))

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### Anali Spencer

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**From:** Angela Pranata  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 9:52 AM  
**To:** Anali Spencer  
**Subject:** Fw: Antennas - Types ,Clearances and the Purchasing of Space  
**Attachments:** example pole.png; 4 cables one antenna attached to cable.png; 4 cables one antenna attached to cable - pic 2.png

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** Monday, May 8, 2023 8:00 AM  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Categories:** IMPORTANT, MTG

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**From:** Nick Van Stryk <nick@petrellelectric.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:22 PM  
**To:** JHarmon@motiveis.com <JHarmon@motiveis.com>; 'Earle Carrion' <Earle.Carrion@crowncastle.com>  
**Cc:** AT&T (Joint Pole) Kay Black <kayblack@att.com>; Angela Pranata <angela@scjpc.net>; 'john.bacon at ladwp.com' <john.bacon@ladwp.com>; Lex Treepaisan <lex.treepaisan@ftr.com>  
**Subject:** Antennas - Types ,Clearances and the Purchasing of Space

Good Afternoon,

I have been sent a set of plans regarding antenna attachments and I keep getting mixed answers.

I am trying to understand how an antenna attached to a pole requires one clearance but once an Antenna is attached to the messenger it no longer is required to mean as much of a separation. I have attached an image of a pole in which the member has submitted plans to install an antenna. They do not plan on attaching the antenna to the pole. I can only assume then that the antenna will be on a messenger.

There is no purchase of interest required. My concern is that they are sharing an arm and will (with the added weight) also end up sagging into the line below them. If they installed a vertical 12" stand off to maintain the separation; the equipment would still not be 12" apart.

As you can see in an example I found, in the photos "4 cables one antenna", their attachment is not radially separated. The most recent attachment on the pole is the antenna owner.

My question is how can an antenna attached to a messenger be exempt from the rules of 94.4 which apply to antennas on a pole? I don't completely understand what is exempting antennas on a messenger from the clearances in 94.4. I

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don't understand why the requirements exist for when it is attached direct to an arm or pole and then no longer are required after they are installed 2ft off the pole.

Respectfully,

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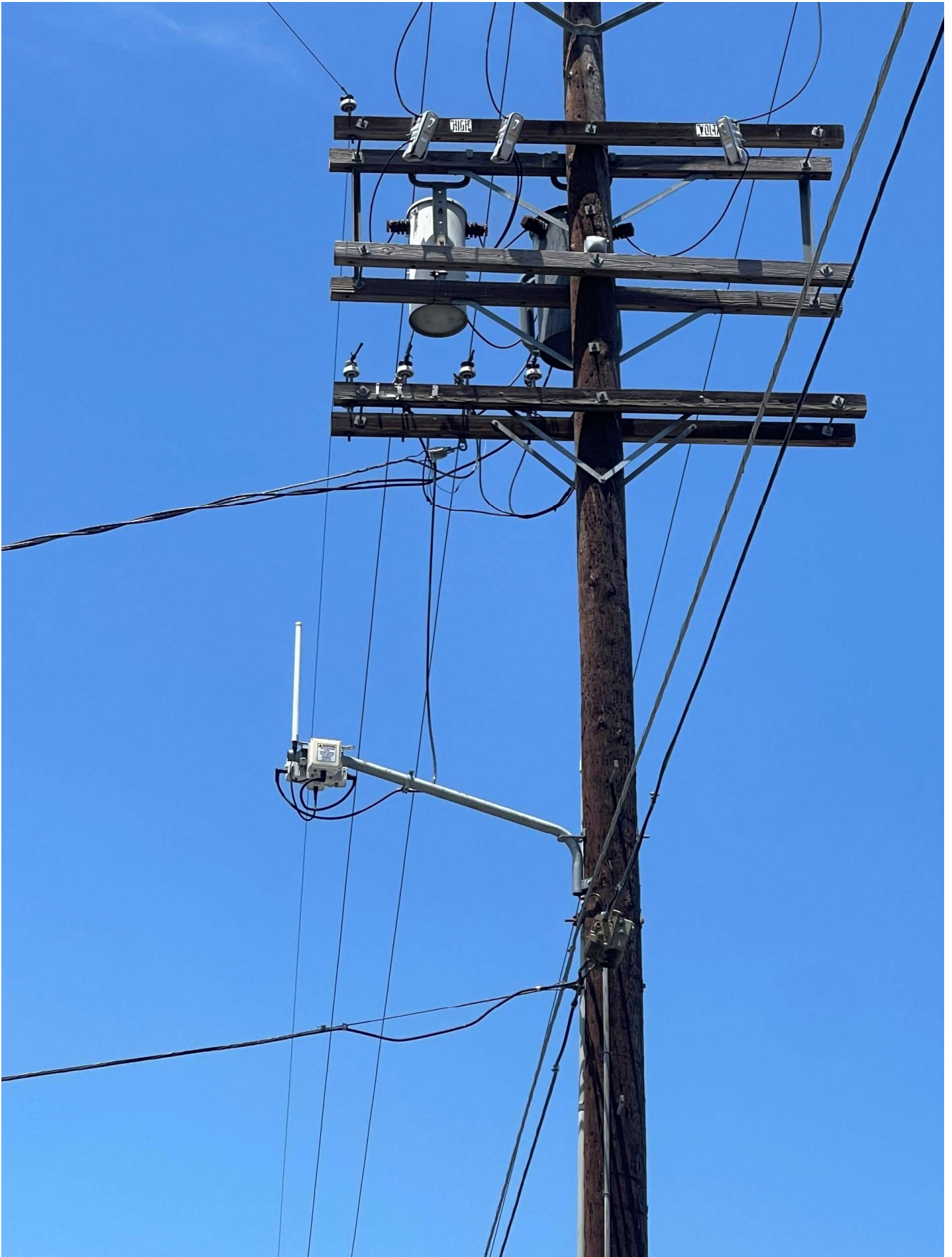
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## Item 1799 - Maintenance Program – edits in red (7/9/2025)

(Please also review the related edits for Item 1800 for Authorized Cost Review.)

### 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.

Membership “approval” is needed to bill shared costs through the Form 44 process.

Membership “approval” does not mean the Membership is “approving” a Utility’s actual Maintenance Program. The criteria used to define “mutual benefit”, to share costs in intrusive testing, is outlined in section 19.5.

### Section 2.7

#### H. Approved Maintenance Program

Per Section 19.5, those utilities currently involved in an approved ~~intrusive inspection/inspection & treatment~~ maintenance program are shown below:

##### Member Date of Board Approval

SCE (Edison) October 1993

~~\*steel stub/fiberglass April 2007~~  
~~wrap added~~

M (DWP) July 2000

MP (Pasadena) July 2000

J (Riverside) June 2001

MA (Azusa) August 2001

D (City of Anaheim) January 2006

BVE (Bear Valley Electric) January 2006

LLW (City of Lompoc) March 2009

B (City of Burbank) April 2016

All ~~inspection/inspection and treatment shared cost~~ joint pole authorizations will be final billed within three years of inspection date. ~~May only be billed once every 5 years~~. Inspections completed prior to the members Board approval date, cannot be billed to other members. (Revised April 2016).

## Section 19

### 19.5 **Intrusive Inspection, ~~or Inspection~~ and if needed 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).~~

Criteria for intrusive testing shared billing will adhere to requirements outlined in GO 165, Table 1, as long as required testing data is provided at the time of invoicing. The required data must include at a minimum, the Pole Tag, Year Set, Height, Class, Lat/Long, Address, Inspection Vendor Name, Current Inspection date, Past Inspection Date (if any), Original Circ, Effective Circ, Intrusive Inspection Type, Reject Status, Remaining Strength, Treatment Performed, Intrusive Test Recommended Corrective Action. The data is to be provided in excel format and all fields must be answered for cost sharing.

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.

## Item 1807: Edits to Section 7.6b (7/9/2025)

### 7.6 B. Replacement of Pole Due to Natural Causes Disaster (Storm, Fire, Wind Event, etc. Catastrophe)

The Member replacing the pole(s) may proceed with replacements prior to issuing Form 2. The Member shall sell interest to each Member concerned. Each Member shall receive salvage on maximum value recoverable and shall pay pulling and transportation. Each Member shall transfer its facilities.

Setting Member must issue Form 2 Preliminary with date and identification of natural cause (Form 48 may be attached). Setting Member must issue Form 2 Preliminary within 180 calendar days from date of pole replacement. After 180 calendar days,

section 7.13 will apply unless mutually agreed by all parties to extend.

In cases where the urgency for new pole installation is not immediate, notification rules of this section will still apply, however the rules of 7.11 will be followed to determine “**proposed**” purchase in new pole (Added January 2012).

Section 7.13 does not apply if JPA issued within 180 days of construction (Effective January 2016)

In areas damaged by a fire, the JPA Form 2 Final is not to be processed until the Authority having jurisdiction; such as CalFire or a Municipality Fire Department, makes a final decision regarding the cause of the fire. If a Member is found to have caused the fire, they shall submit the Final Bill with zero costs to the other Owners, per the SCJPC Agreement under Section 9 - Hold Harmless.