

**Southern California Joint Pole Committee**

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September 17, 2025

A meeting of the **ad hoc Authorized Cost Elements Committee** took place on the above date, at 10:23 a.m. via teleconference. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Nick Van Stryk	City of Vernon (Petrelli Electric)
Ms. Aarize Dizon	Crown Castle NG West Inc.
Ms. April Flores	Crown Castle NG West Inc.
Mr. Jeremy Effinger	Crown Castle NG West Inc.
Mr. John Bacon	City of Los Angeles
Mr. Gabriel Pech	City of Los Angeles
Ms. Veronica Lopez	City of Los Angeles
Mr. Lex Treepaisan	Frontier Communications
Ms. Silvana Ray	Southern California Edison
Mr. Kristoffer Scheetz	Southern California Edison
Ms. April DeBarge	Southern California Edison
Ms. Carla Stephen	Southern California Edison
Ms. Shelby Mulvehill	Southern California Edison
Ms. Marisol Bailey	Southern California Edison
Mr. Micheal Pearson	Southern California Edison
Mr. Samuel Picazo	Southern California Edison
Mr. Kevin Flores	Southern California Edison
Mr. Todd Dailey	AT&T California
Ms. Kay Black	AT&T California
Mr. Alvin Robielos	AT&T California
Mr. Aaron Cochran	AT&T California
Mr. Barry Consulter	AT&T California
Mr. Robert Stanard	AT&T California
Ms. Joy Young	AT&T California
Ms. Veronica Casanova	AT&T California
Mr. Alex Parra	City of Riverside
Mr. Irvin Orzuna	City of Glendale
Mr. Edward Khashadourian	City of Glendale
Ms. Maria Ortiz	MCI Metro ATS/MCI Telecommunications/XO Communications
Mr. Salvador Zambrano	City of Burbank
Ms. Lynne LaFrenais	Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
Ms. Yesenia Delgado	Time-Warner Cable
Mr. David Campo	City of Lompoc
Ms. Alicia Smith	Sprint Nextel/Sprint Communications
Ms. Shawn Henderson	T-Mobile USA
Ms. Linda McLean	Extenet Systems

Ms. Heidi Seropian  
Ms. Patti Ringo  
Ms. Angela Pranata  
Ms. Kathleen Allen

Extenet Systems  
Sonic Telecom, LLC  
Committee Staff  
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Mr. Van Stryk called the meeting to order at **10:23 a.m.**

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

Mr. Van Stryk opened the meeting by asking if there were any questions or concerns regarding the previous month’s meeting minutes. No members commented or expressed any concerns.

**Agenda Item 2 – Item 1801: Review of Pole Price Calculations (K. Black, AT&T California - 2/19/2025)**

- Action item: Ms. Black to revise documents and distribute to members of the Authorized Costs Committee.

Mr. Van Stryk turned the discussion over to Ms. Black. Ms. Black reported that she had not been able to work on her action items and requested that the items be postponed. Mr. Van Stryk stated that the committee would revisit the item next month.

**Agenda Item 3 – Item 1802: Review of Authorized Cost Calculations (K. Black, AT&T California - 2/19/2025) – ON HOLD**

This item was placed on hold until further discussions on pole prices are completed.

**Agenda Items 4 - Review of Pole Prices (Yearly – Standing Agenda/Placeholder)**

Mr. Van Stryk stated that the 2026 Pole Price Matrix and the 2026 Definitions of Pole Price Elements were included in the packet. He added that Ms. Pranata would send those files to all members via email. Mr. Van Stryk asked for feedback, changes, or edits to the 2026 files. Ms. Pranata clarified that she had not made any changes from the previous year (2025). There were no questions or comments from members. Mr. Van Stryk stated that Ms. Pranata would send the two files to all members, with a submission due date of October 31, 2025.

**Agenda Item 5 - Review of Authorized Costs (Every two years – Standing Agenda/Placeholder)**

The committee will reopen this item in September 2026.

**Agenda Item 6 – Miscellaneous / New Item Numbers**

- Engineered Steel Poles

Mr. Nick Van Stryk commented that the City of Vernon has been installing more engineered steel poles. It was noted that previously, riser poles were used, which had a void in the center filled with conductor.

These poles were typically single and spanned less than 50 feet in either direction, allowing for easy passage and minimal obstruction. However, with the growing use of engineered steel poles, Mr. Van Stryk raised a question about the cost implications, particularly in relation to pole pricing and how it affects future attachments. His concern was directed toward understanding how costs would be handled for future purchasers of interest in these poles.

Ms. Black responded by stating that engineered steel poles must have a price listed on the Joint Pole Agreement (JPA), as the other owners must agree to the pricing under Section 1.2. This cost would then be reflected in the final billing. She suggested that perhaps Ms. Allen or another responsible party could include the price in the pole card, allowing future purchasers to be aware of the cost and enabling proper billing.

Mr. Van Stryk acknowledged the suggestion and reiterated the importance of having the cost documented, especially for future members who might purchase interest in the pole. He expressed uncertainty about the current process and emphasized the need for clarity.

Mr. Van Stryk questioned whether the cost should be included in the preliminary JPA for future members and whether reimbursement should be distributed among all members when a new member purchases interest in the pole.

To conclude the discussion, Mr. Van Stryk stated his intention to reach out to Ms. Allen for further clarification and examples regarding engineered steel poles. He committed to providing the group with updates at the next meeting.

- Mr. Van Stryk asked if there were any other miscellaneous items. There were no questions or comments.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Review of Action Items**

- Items 1801 and 1802 were postponed to next month.
- Members are to submit the 2026 Pole Price Matrix to Ms. Pranata by October 31, 2025.
- Members are to bring up any questions about definitions or how to complete the pole prices spreadsheet at the next meeting in October.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2025.

Transcribed by Angela Pranata – Committee Staff

**2026 SCJPC POLE PRICE MATRIX WORKSHEET**  
For **Wood** Pole Set/ Replacement

Please submit to SCJPC by:  
October 31, 2025

SCJPC Member Utility submitting:

Person completing worksheet:

Call Back Telephone Number & Email:

Select: Weighted Average  \*\*\*\*\* Individual Costs  \*\*\*\*\*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Pole Length	Pole Class	Direct Labor (Loaded)	Transport & Handling	Digging & Erecting	Total Direct Labor	Material Cost (FOB)	Supply Expense	Equipment Expense	1 Hour Engineering & Planning	General & Admin.	Total Cost	Total # Joint Poles Set
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**2026 SCJPC POLE PRICE MATRIX WORKSHEET**  
**For Composite Fiberglass (CF) Pole Set/ Replacement**

Please submit to SCJPC by:  
 October 31, 2025

SCJPC Member Utility submitting:

Person completing worksheet:

Call Back Telephone Number & Email:

Select: Weighted Average  \*\*\*\*\* Individual Costs  \*\*\*\*\*

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**2026 SCJPC POLE PRICE MATRIX WORKSHEET**  
**For Composite Fiberglass Multi Pieces (CM) Pole Set/ Replacement**

Please submit to SCJPC by:  
 October 31, 2025

SCJPC Member Utility submitting:

Person completing worksheet:

Call Back Telephone Number & Email:

Select: Weighted Average  \*\*\*\*\* Individual Costs  \*\*\*\*\*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Pole Length	Pole Class	Direct Labor (Loaded)	Transport & Handling	Digging & Erecting	Total Direct Labor	Material Cost (FOB)	Supply Expense	Equipment Expense	1 Hour Engineering & Planning	General & Admin.	Total Cost	Total # Joint Poles Set
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**2026 SCJPC POLE PRICE MATRIX WORKSHEET**  
**For Lightweight Steel Pole Set/ Replacement**

Please submit to SCJPC by:  
 October 31, 2025

SCJPC Member Utility submitting:   
 Company name & Member Code

Person completing worksheet:

Call Back Telephone Number & Email:

Select: Weighted Average  \*\*\*\*\* Individual Costs  \*\*\*\*\*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Pole Length	Pole Class	Direct Labor (Loaded) (\$)	Transport & Handling (Hours)	Digging & Erecting (Hours)	Total Direct Labor (\$)	Material Cost (FOB) (\$)	Supply Expense (\$)	Equipment Expense (\$)	1 Hour Engineering & Planning (\$)	General & Admin. (\$)	Total Cost (\$)	Total # Joint Poles Set
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**2026 SCJPC POLE PRICE MATRIX WORKSHEET**  
**For Concrete Pole Set/ Replacement**

Please submit to SCJPC by:  
 October 31, 2025

SCJPC Member Utility submitting:

Person completing worksheet:

Call Back Telephone Number & Email:

Select: Weighted Average  \*\*\*\*\* Individual Costs  \*\*\*\*\*

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Pole Length	Pole Class	Direct Labor (Loaded)	Transport & Handling	Digging & Erecting	Total Direct Labor	Material Cost (FOB)	Supply Expense	Equipment Expense	1 Hour Engineering & Planning	General & Admin.	Total Cost	Total # Joint Poles Set
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**2026 SCJPC POLE PRICE MATRIX WORKSHEET**  
**For Ductile Iron Pole Set/ Replacement**

Please submit to SCJPC by:  
 October 31, 2025

SCJPC Member Utility submitting:

Person completing worksheet:

Call Back Telephone Number & Email:

Select: Weighted Average  \*\*\*\*\* Individual Costs  \*\*\*\*\*

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Pole Length	Pole Class	Direct Labor (Loaded)	Transport & Handling	Digging & Erecting	Total Direct Labor	Material Cost (FOB)	Supply Expense	Equipment Expense	1 Hour Engineering & Planning	General & Admin.	Total Cost	Total # Joint Poles Set
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## 2026 DEFINITIONS OF POLE PRICE ELEMENTS

1. **Pole Length** - Pole price elements are based upon the length, class of pole or groundline moment of pole set in a joint use situation.
2. **Direct Labor (Loaded)** – The AVERAGE non-premium hourly rate of field worker (shown in US dollars) that includes cost of associated benefits (i.e., medical, dental, vision, vacation, sick leave, etc.). The average non-premium hourly rate is the average between the high and the low hourly rate of the labor classification (or title) directly involved in setting the pole.
3. **Transport and Handling** – The AVERAGE amount of time (in hours and/or quarter-hour increments) directly related to the workers who load a pole onto a pole dolly, transport to the job site and return to the yard.
4. **Digging and Erecting** – The AVERAGE amount of man-hours of an average-sized crew for each company to excavate the pole hole, erect the pole, plumb the pole, backfill and compaction tamp the pole in place. The average total man-hours include setup and take down of the work operation per the WATCH manual. Excludes hand-digging and inaccessible to setting equipment costs. (revised 05/16/2017)
5. **Total Direct Labor (Loaded)** – This is calculated by multiplying direct labor (loaded) rate in column #2 times the hours in column #3 and column #4 on the Pole Price Matrix Worksheet. The total direct labor (loaded) is calculated by then summing or adding the results of these calculations together.
6. **Material Cost (F.O.B.) Pole** – The AVERAGE material expense (in US dollars including sales tax and transportation costs from supplier) of a pole delivered to the first destination point (usually a purchaser’s construction yard).
7. **Supply Expense** – The average expense for storing the pole prior to use (shown in US dollars), i.e., cost of storage (inventory expense). This is usually derived or calculated as a percentage of material cost of the pole. If the Supply Expense is already included within another defined expense on the Pole Price Matrix expense categories (i.e., Direct Labor (Loaded) or General & Administrative), use the appropriate designator provided in the “NOTES” of the Pole Price Matrix Worksheet to show under which pricing element these costs are already included.

8. **Equipment Expense** – The expense (shown in US dollars) of the equipment directly used in the placement or replacement of a jointly owned pole. The expenses should include fuel, oil, and average maintenance costs. For example, a combination digger/derrick vehicle, aerial personnel lift and direct supervision pickup truck is commonly associated with the pole replacement activity. If the Equipment Expense is already included within another defined expense on the Pole Price Matrix expense categories (i.e., Direct Labor (Loaded) or General & Administrative), use the appropriate designator provided in the “NOTES” of the Pole Price Matrix Worksheet to show under which pricing element these costs are already included.
9. **Engineering and Planning** – The average expense (shown in US dollars) for site survey, pole loading calculation and JPA document preparation for set/replacement of a jointly owned pole. This is calculated by labor hours for engineering and planning for the defined work steps multiplied by average direct (loaded) non-premium labor rate of the labor class (or title) doing the engineering and planning work. (That portion of work that is directly related to the joint pole replacement. This should not include work that is for the sole benefit of any member on record).
10. **General and Administrative** – The average expense for additional labor (shown in US dollars) for direct clerical support, direct supervision of the field crew and indirect supervision of the crew placing the pole. This is usually derived or calculated as a percentage of Direct Labor Rate.
11. **Total Cost** – The total cost to set/replace a jointly owned pole (shown in US dollars). Total cost also includes installation of pole tags and visibility strips. The Total Cost is calculated by summing or adding together the dollar values shown in columns #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10 of the Pole Price Matrix Worksheet. (Revised 10/20/2021).
12. **Total Number of Joint Poles Set and Billed** – This is the number of jointly owned poles set and billed by a member utility in the previous calendar year. The SCJPC provides the total number. (revised 11/17/2017)