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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into the
Creation of a Shared Database or
Statewide Census of Utility Poles and
Conduit in California.

Investigation 17-06-027

And Related Matters.

Rulemaking 17-06-028

**E-MAIL RULING REQUESTING COMMENTS
ON TRACK 2 ISSUES**

Dated October 8, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

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Subject: I.17-06-027 and R.17-06-028: E Mail Ruling Requesting Comments on Track 2 Issues

Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requesting Comments on Track 2 Issues

This *Ruling* requests that the parties address the questions herein to assist the Commission in gathering the information necessary to develop a Track 2 Decision for this proceeding (I.17-06-027 and R.17-06-028).

The goal of Track 2 is to ensure that relevant infrastructure data is shared quickly and efficiently among parties to minimize unnecessary delay, promote competition, and improve adherence to and oversight of safety requirements.

Building off of the 10 pole-specific requirements adopted in Decision 20-07-004, this Ruling requests comments on the proposed additional requirements for pole attachments:

Draft Proposal of Required Attachment Data:

Item #	Field Name	Field Description	Field Type
1	Number of Existing Attachments on Pole	The number of existing attachments on any given pole.	Integer
2	Attachment Owner	The name of the company in ownership of a specific attachment.	Text
3	Application/Attachment Identifying Number	The unique number used to track an attachment.	Text
4	Attachment Status	e.g., submitted, pending, approved, installed, etc.	Text
5	Attachment Status Date	Date of the most recent status update on any given attachment.	Date
6	Attachment Description	e.g., cable, antenna, service drop, electric utility equipment, etc.	Text
7	Attachment Location on Pole	Location of attachment on pole (e.g., within comm. zone, pole top, cross arm, pole mount, etc.).	Text
8	Attachment Orientation	i.e. compass direction / description relative to the street.	Text

9	Position relative to other attachments	Expressed in feet from ground.	Integer
10	Attachment Specifications	Description, specific dimensions, and weight. For cables, need to know weight per linear foot, gauge, tension, tensile strength of cable.	Text
11	Pole Loading Information	Loading information, which includes grade and size of attachment, size of cable, average span length, wind loading of their equipment, vertical loading, and bending moment. (D. 98-10-058), and any other data used to run software-based pole loading calculation.	Text
12	Safety Factor Impact	Calculation of the load added to the pole by the attachment.	Text

Ruling Questions:

Data Points:

1. Does this list adequately include all relevant information to improve the safety and competitive access of poles?
2. How should each data point be defined? What level of detail should be required for each data point?
3. Should any items be removed from this list of data points? If so, which ones and why?
4. Should any other data points be added? Which data points? How should these data points be defined? What level of detail should be provided on these data points? Why should these data points be added?

Data Management and Sharing:

1. Should each pole owner be responsible for collecting, storing, and sharing all attachment data points on their poles?
2. Is this method of data management and sharing (i.e., each pole owner storing all data on their own poles) more practical than other methods (e.g., having each attacher share their individual

attachment data points, having a single statewide repository of pole data, etc.)?

3. If so, should attachers be required to share their complete attachment datasets with the specified attachment data in an accessible format with the respective pole owner? By what date? How regularly should this data be updated?

Costs:

1. Should pole owners be compensated, as appropriate, for serving as a repository for attachment data? How should this compensation be determined?
2. Should costs be handled as part of the general rate cases for the electric utilities? If so, where and how should costs be handled for the incumbent local exchange carriers?
3. Should costs instead be built into the cost of attaching or reflected in annual cost of pole ownership?

Data Access and Confidentiality

1. Should all the specified attachment data points in each pole owner's database be made available to third parties? Which parties (e.g., attachers, commission staff, local governments, interested parties, the public, etc.)? Should any limitations be required? If so, what limitations?
2. In accordance with General Order 66D, what, if any, of this information is confidential? And if so, why is this data considered confidential and for what purposes?
3. Should attachers have to provide additional detailed information upon request from parties (e.g., pole owners, other attachers, commission staff, local governments, interested parties, the public, etc.)? What information can be currently provided by attachers upon request? What data should also be provided upon request?

Other:

1. Are there any other issues that must be addressed in the forthcoming Track 2 Decision?

Deadline for Comments

1. Opening comments shall be filed and served by November 9, 2020.
2. Reply comments shall be filed and served by November 30, 2020.

Docket Office shall file this *Ruling*.

It is so Ruled.

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