

UTILITY POLE ATTACHMENTS IN THE AGE OF COVID AND 5G:

*Understanding Regulations and Industry Trends in
Preparation for the Coming Workload*

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Against the backdrop of ongoing deployment of 5G small cells and 4G densification, the COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the need for broadband access for all citizens, from school children to healthcare providers and teleworkers. This has led to additional broadband and infrastructure investment by telecom companies, traditional electric utilities, and federal, state and local governments.

What does all this mean for existing pole owners and attachers -- electric utilities, communications, and cable companies? These events mean that, more than ever, it is important to ensure that joint use and pole attachment license agreements are up-to-date and in conformance with regulations, to understand and effectively administer those agreements to recover costs, and to seek solutions rather than conflicts with other pole owners and attaching entities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Consider practical frameworks that will set up the joint use function of your organization for success
- Review the patchwork of federal, state, and local pole attachment laws and regulations as they apply to your situation
- Review common joint use and pole attachment license agreement provisions and their practical implications
- Identify how to calculate the FCC maximum allowable rate for pole attachments
- Examine the rights and obligations of utilities and joint-users/third-party attachers on new and existing poles
- Examine NESC issues related to pole attachments

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