Access to Electric Utility Poles for Broadband Deployment

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There is a long history of communication attachments on Georgia Power poles

Joint Use Agreements with the Telephone Companies – 100 years

Cable company attachments for cable television – 40 years

Competitive telephone attachments – 20 years

Fiber attachments for the deployment of broadband – 5 years
Sometimes the poles get a little crowded
And now we have small cells to deploy broadband
Some deployments have been contentious but this time it is different

• Electric utilities need broadband for economic growth

• We understand that colocation is preferred over a new pole on the right of way

• Electric utilities have an incentive to negotiate an agreement with wireless carriers

• Heavy handed regulation is not necessary
Our goal – safe deployment of broadband with no impact on our reliability

• You heard our message in the last session – Thank you!

• Georgia Power is regulated by the FCC for communication attachments

• We work closely with the other utilities on the right of way and many times collocate our facilities with them

• If it is at all possible for there to be consistency in the regulations, that would be our preference

• We will continue to ask to be excluded from State regulation