



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

