



## **MEETING # 1**

### **POLE ATTACHMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING (PAWG)**

### **“Policy Review of Wireline Pole Attachment Charges”**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Prepared by**

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	Friday, May 20, 2016	
<b>Place of meeting</b>	2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, OEB's Office, 25 <sup>th</sup> Floor (ADR Room)	
<b>Organized by</b>	Ontario Energy Board (OEB)	
<b>Facilitated by</b>	Nordicity Group Limited (NGL)	
<b>Participants:</b>	OEB:	1) Takis Plagiannakos 2) Maureen Helt 3) Michael Bell
	NGL	4) Stuart Jack 5) Tanveer Ahmed
	Utilities:	6) Jagoda Borovickic (London Hydro) 7) Casey Malone (Hydro Ottawa) 8) John Boldt (Hydro One) 9) David Haddock (Horizon Utilities) 10) Arjun Devdas (Canadian Electricity Association)
	Carriers	11) Michael Piaskoski (Rogers) 12) David Wilkie (TbayTel) 13) Tim Brown (Cogeco) 14) G. Kris Eby (BH Telecom)
	Ratepayer Groups	15) Mark Rubenstein (School Energy Coalition) 16) Bill Harper (Vulnerable Energy Consumer's Coalition)
	Regrets	17) Roy Rogers (Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts Association Inc.)
	<b>Agenda Items Completed</b>	1) Introductions 2) Overview of Wireline Review Consultation Process by OEB staff (see Slide Presentation) 3) 10 minute presentations of issues by Working Group Members participants 6) to 17). All participants expressed their support for the PAWG consultation process and identified the following key issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To ensure alignment on appropriate cost elements including what factors that drives costs</li> <li>- To consider municipal street lighting attachments in the rate calculation equation</li> <li>- To establish rates that are fixed throughout the term of the agreement and should be future proof such as linking to CPI or to make it applicable for 5-10 years</li> <li>- To establish flexible rate bands e.g. urban vs. rural whereas some suggested to establish universal province-wide rate</li> <li>- To ensure transparency with respect to confidential agreements between utilities and carriers</li> <li>- To standardize joint use poles as 40 feet pole size. (Maximum number of possible attachments to be determined in the next meeting)</li> </ul> 4) Nordicity presented review of Current Methodologies and Best Practices – (See Slide Presentation) 5) Roundtable Discussion on main issues regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key objectives of the process: (a) to develop pole attachment rate model that is "just and fair" and based on best practice principles; and (b) to clarify OEB's mandate with reference to the outcome of this consultation process.</li> <li>- Typical Pole Structure identifying pole height, power space, telecom space, separation space between power and telecom space, clearance space, buried</li> </ul>

		<p>space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key Elements of Pole Attachment Rate Model (Regulatory Framework; Costing Approaches; Allocation Methodologies; and Rate Methodologies</li> <li>- Relevant decisions: OEB (2015 and 2016; NBEUB-New Brunswick Energy and Utility Board (2016); and; CRTC (2010)</li> </ul>
<b>Action Items</b>	Poles Data	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Utilities to provide the following data: Specification of poles in use, distribution of total pole population, volume of attachments, and item-wise breakdown of cost base.</li> <li>2) Nordicity to develop a data template for utilities to populate</li> </ol>
	Key Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Participants (PAWG members) may submit additional written comments on their positions on the key issues before the next meeting</li> <li>4) Nordicity to present further literature review on best practices in the next meeting</li> </ol>
	Next PAWG Meeting (#2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) OEB, in consultation with Nordicity and PAWG members to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Notify next meeting date and location</li> <li>b. Issue meeting agenda</li> </ol> </li> </ol>