

Access Timeline for Pole Attachment in the Communications Space

Stage					
	Survey		Estimate	Acceptance	Make-Ready
Day:	0	45	59	73	133-148
Stage in days:	45		14	14	60-75
Owner Duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct engineering survey. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide cost estimate for make-ready. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give existing attachers 60 days notice. • Prepare poles if necessary. • Work with existing attachers' contractors.
Attacher Remedy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire contractor to conduct survey (for attachments in the communications space). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File complaint with Commission 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire contractor to perform make-ready.
Clock			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties may stop clock if no master agreement. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pole owner may stop clock for good and sufficient cause.

Table 1

Phase	Prior Rules	OTMR-Based Regime	Enhanced Non-OTMR Regime
<i>Review of Application for Completeness</i>	Vague definition of complete application can lead to delays. No timeline for utility to determine whether application is complete. <i>47 CFR § 1.1411(c)</i>	Revised definition of complete application makes it clear what must be included in application. A utility has 10 business days to determine whether an application is complete; the utility must specify any deficiencies and has limited time to review resubmitted applications. <i>Appx. A §§ 1.1411(c)(1), (j)(1)(ii)</i>	
<i>Review of Whether to Grant Complete Application; Survey</i>	The utility has 45 days to decide whether to grant a complete application and to complete any surveys. The utility has an additional 15 days for large orders. <i>47 CFR § 1.1411(c)</i>	The utility has 15 days to decide whether to grant a complete application. The new attacher conducts the survey and determines its timing. <i>Appx. A § 1.1411(j)(2), (j)(3)</i>	Largely same as prior rules, except that the utility must take certain steps to facilitate survey participation by new and existing attachers. <i>Appx. A § 1.1411(c)(3)</i>
<i>Estimate</i>	The utility must provide an estimate of the make-ready charges within 14 days of receiving the survey results. <i>47 CFR § 1.1411(d)</i>	N/A – no estimate stage	Same as prior rules, except the estimate must detail basis for charges. <i>Appx. A § 1.1411(d)</i>
<i>Attacher Acceptance</i>	The attacher has 14 days or until withdrawal of the estimate by the utility, whichever is later, to approve the estimate and provide payment. <i>47 CFR § 1.1411(d)(i)-(ii)</i>	N/A – no acceptance stage	Same as prior rules. <i>Appx. A § 1.1411(d)(2)</i>
<i>Make-Ready</i>	The existing attachers must prepare the pole within 60 days of receiving notice from the utility in the communications space (105 days for larger orders) or 90 days in the above the communications space (135 days for larger orders). A utility may take 15 additional days after the make-ready period to complete make-ready itself. <i>47 CFR § 1.1411(e)(1)(ii), (e)(1)(iv), (e)(2)(ii), (e)(2)(iv)</i>	The new attacher performs all work in as little as one trip. The new attacher must provide 15 days' notice to existing attachers before commencing work, and this notice period may run concurrently with the utility's review of whether to grant the application. The new attacher must notify existing attachers within 15 days after completion of work on a pole so that existing attachers can inspect the work. <i>Appx. A § 1.1411(j)(4)</i>	The existing attachers prepare the pole within 30 days in the communications space (75 days for larger orders) or 90 days above the communications space (135 days for larger orders). A utility may take 15 additional days after the make-ready period to complete make-ready itself for work outside the communications space. <i>Appx. A § 1.1411(e)(1)(ii), (e)(2)(ii), (e)(2)(iv)</i>
<i>Self-Help Remedy</i>	New attachers in the communications space may perform work themselves when the deadlines are not met. <i>47 CFR § 1.1411(i)</i>	N/A	New attachers in any part of the pole may perform work themselves when the deadlines are not met. We take steps to strengthen the self-help remedy. <i>Appx. A § 1.1411(i)(2)</i>

15. No matter the attachment process, we encourage all parties to work cooperatively to meet deadlines, perform work safely, and address any problems expeditiously. Utilities, new attachers, and