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Poles & Overhead Wiring

San Francisco, CA

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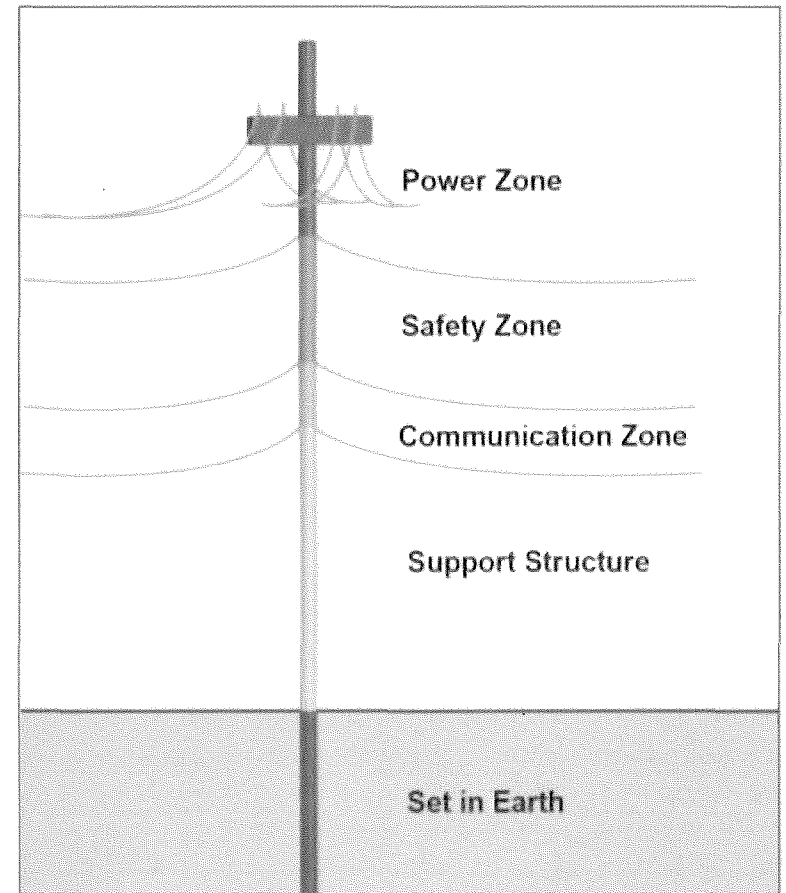
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Basic Facts about Utility Poles in CA

Number of Poles in California: Over 4 million

Who is Attached: Electric Utilities, Wireline Telephone providers, Cable and other Video providers, Wireless providers

Ownership: Poles can be owned by a single utility or can be jointly owned by 2 or more utilities



Regulations

Regulation of Poles in California

CPUC General Order 95 – 600 pages of rules for overhead line design, construction and maintenance

CPUC General Order 165 – Includes intrusive inspection requirements for joint-use poles to determine when poles need to be replaced

FCC Rules – Pole Attachment rates and rights of access

CPUC Decision D.98-10-058 – Nondiscriminatory Rules for attaching to poles

CPUC/SED Enforcement – Safety Audits and Citations

National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) – Rules and guidelines for practical safeguarding of utility workers and the public during the installation, operation and maintenance of electric supply, communication lines and associated equipment.

AT&T in San Francisco

AT&T is committed to working with the the Board of Supervisors, public safety leaders, and the community to make San Francisco's communications infrastructure safe and reliable for everyone.

Maintenance and Inspection

Constant inspections in the field
Scheduled inspections as directed under
GO 95 +

Pole Load Calculations

New attachers apply to the pole owner, and must follow CPUC rules on pole load calculations and safety measures in order to attach.

Abandoned Equipment

Under GO 95, equipment is only considered "abandoned" if it has no foreseeable use. Under current state regulations, AT&T must be ready to serve everyone in San Francisco who requests basic telephone service.

