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Ms. Fabrizio,

It is our recommendation that the following language be included in PUC 1300.

1. Add a definition as follows:

PUC 1302.04 "governmental entities" means the state and any political subdivision including cities, towns and any branch, department or agency thereof.

2. Add a definition as follows:

PUC 1302.04(a) "governmental entities acting in a non-commercial capacity" means a governmental entity for which sufficient space is reserved on all poles to occupy a single point of attachment on each pole to be used exclusively for non-commercial governmental purposes in the interest of public safety and welfare.

3. 1304-05 and-06 will need to be renumbered.

4. Adjust PUC 1303.01 as follows:

Access Standard. The owner or owners of a pole shall provide access to such pole on terms that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory. Notwithstanding this obligation, the owner or owners of a pole may deny a request for attachment to such pole when there is insufficient capacity on the pole or for reasons of safety, reliability or generally applicable engineering purposes; *provided, however, that governmental entities acting in a non-commercial capacity shall not be denied access to the pole.*

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to this process. Historically, government entities have had access to utility poles to provide important services to the public such as fire alarm and other public safety services. It is very important that non-commercial government services that depend upon pole access are not impeded.

Sincerely,

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