

# JOINT POLE AUTHORIZATIONS (JPAs)

JPAs are the forms that request authorization from other joint pole owners to purchase an interest in the specified pole(s) for useable space of attachments. The JPA serves as a request, a record, and it stipulates the division of costs for the joint ownership of utility poles.

## History of the Southern California Joint Pole Committee

The Joint Pole Committee is made up of a group of member representatives of utilities and municipalities in Southern California who hold joint equity interest in utility poles. Established by telephone, electricity and railroad companies, the Committee has existed since October 10, 1906. It was formed as a result of the need to limit the number of poles in the field and to create a uniform procedure for recording ownership of poles. Each member has a vote and shares in the expenses of the Committee according to their joint pole interests.

The purpose of the Joint Pole Committee is to keep accurate records of ownership for each pole and keep on file a master record of each jointly-owned pole. The principal function is to calculate the established value of each transaction, involving the sale or purchase of joint pole equity interests or maintenance of those interests. The Joint Pole Committee office prepares monthly Bills of Sale to the members to enable them to make monetary settlement of their joint enterprises.

## Team Experience

- ROW work – ability to audit the poles and determine the make-readies
- Communicate the make-readies in a design
- Knowledge and Application of the General Order 95, which dictates rules of safety\*
- Strong understanding of the construction required for pole work
- Working relationships with the Joint Pole Members and ability to expedite
- Ability to troubleshoot pole applications and determine a working resolution
- Technical ability to write the JPAs, including, but not limited to, the Form 2 Preliminary, Form 7s, Form 2 Finals and the Form 48s for completion of pole construction
- Access to all of the pole cards in the SCJPC database
- Understanding of pole allocation spaces allotted on utility poles

*\*The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order Number 95 – is the rules and regulations that formulate, for the State of California, uniform requirements for overhead electrical line construction, that not only provide a standard of safety, both to the workman and to the public, but likewise materially contribute to the standard of service rendered, and also afford a means of coordination between different types of lines, such as power and communication. Specifically, the GO 95 identifies what type of clearances must be maintained between utility lines on poles and structures.*



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