

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held September 12, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman  
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair  
Ralph V. Yanora  
Kathryn L. Zerfuss  
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Pole Attachment Working Group

M-2020-3019408  
L-2018-3002672

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 77.7, the Commission has established a Pole Attachment Working Group (Working Group) to ensure 1) that the Commission remains apprised of industry and public concerns, 2) that changes to the federal pole attachments rules are properly vetted before they come into effect in Pennsylvania, and 3) to provide feedback to the Commission on the functioning of its regulations and dispute resolution processes as they relate to pole attachments.

Following the entry of our last supplemental membership order on October 19, 2023, an additional party, Loop Telecom Pennsylvania LLC (Loop), has requested membership in the Working Group. Loop provides telecommunications services to the public as a Competitive Access Provider and actively deploys its communications facilities throughout the Commonwealth by attaching to utility-owned poles. Specifically, Loop utilizes a fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment strategy to provide service to Pennsylvanians. Thus, Loop has significant interest in the pole attachment processes employed by the Commission.

The Commission determines that the inclusion of Loop in the Working Group would improve the representation of pole attachers in the Commonwealth. Adding this party will therefore supplement the existing expertise and representative experience of the Working Group. Accordingly, the Commission finds it appropriate to appoint Loop to the Working Group.

Separately, on June 27, 2024, Rolka Loube Saltzer and Associates, LLC (Rolka Loube) voluntarily resigned from the Working Group. Therefore, we acknowledge the removal of Rolka Loube from the Working Group, which has been reflected in Appendix A to this Order.

Finally, pursuant to Act 96 of 2021, 64 Pa.C.S. §§ 6101 *et. seq.* (re: Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority and relates to the development and expansion of broadband services, including to unserved and underserved areas of the Commonwealth), the Commission will amend Appendix A to recognize the dissolution of the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives and the creation of the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority.

The current membership of the Working Group, inclusive of the changes set forth herein, is listed in Appendix A; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the appointment to the Pole Attachment Working Group of Loop Telecom Pennsylvania LLC is approved.

2. That the resignation of Rolka Loube Saltzer and Associates, LLC from the Pole Attachment Working Group is approved.

3. That the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority will replace the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives in Appendix A.

4. The contact person for the Pole Attachment Working Group is Colin W. Scott, Assistant Counsel, (717) 783-5949.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: September 12, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: September 12, 2024

# **Appendix A**

## Pole Attachment Working Group Appointees

<b><u>Entity Name</u></b>
Public Utility Commission - Bureau of Consumer Services
Public Utility Commission - Law Bureau
Public Utility Commission – Office of Special Assistants
Public Utility Commission – Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Public Utility Commission – Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement
Public Utility Commission – Office of Administrative Law Judge, Mediation Office
Office of Consumer Advocate
Office of Small Business Advocate
Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority
Pennsylvania Telephone Association
Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Wellsboro Electric Company
Davey Resource Group Inc.
Citizens' Electric Company
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Verizon North, LLC.
Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC.
CTIA - The Wireless Association
Crown Castle Fiber, LLC.
Duquesne Light Company
DQE Communications LLC
PECO Energy Co.
FirstLight Fiber, Inc.
Energy Association of Pennsylvania
Department of General Services – Office of Enterprise Wireless Management

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
NetSpeed LLC
MAW Communications, Inc.
First Energy
Comcast Corporation
UGI Corporation
Salsgiver Telecom Inc.
Orbital Engineering, Inc.
Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association
Loop Telecom Pennsylvania LLC