

# Transmission Pole Attachments (Wireline)

NYSEG and RGE are obliged to provide a cable company (CATV) or competitive telecommunications provider (CLEC) with non-discriminatory access to all poles, unless there is insufficient capacity on the pole or safety or reliability reasons preclude it. These rules are in accordance with the FCC and New York PSC. Additionally, the NYPSC has ruled that the pole attachment rental rate for CATV/CLEC attachments to transmission poles used for a distribution underbuild should be the same as if the pole was a distribution pole.

The NYPSC has ruled that the rental rate for high voltage [pure] transmission poles is negotiable. NYSEG and RGE have a high voltage transmission pole rate in the \$200-\$300 range. Each attachment request to a transmission pole will be reviewed on a formal basis on its own merits.

The Q&A below is meant to act as a guide in determining if the transmission attachment requires special agreement and negotiated rates or if the transmission attachment would follow the distribution procedures / rates.

**Q1. Does The Transmission Pole Have a Distribution Underbuild?**

A1. If yes, then the same procedures/rates for attaching to distribution poles would apply.

**Q2. Is the Transmission Line Along a Public Thoroughfare?**

A2. Many transmission lines built along a public thoroughfare are designed for a distribution underbuild as well as communication lines; the same procedures/rates for attaching to distribution poles would apply in many cases. Each of these cases needs to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

**Q3. For a Pole That Does Not Have a Distribution Underbuild, Has Space and Capacity Been Designated For Both a Distribution Underbuild Along With Communication Lines?**

A3. If no, then special procedures/rates for attaching to transmission poles would apply, along with any required make-ready to meet NESC, NYSEG or RGE Standards.

**Q4. Is The Transmission Structure a Lattice Tower?**

A4. Almost always a lattice tower requires special procedures / rates.

**Q5. Is The Transmission Line Cross Country?**

A5. Almost always a cross country transmission line requires transmission procedures / rates.