

## Utility Pole Use in the Delaware, Ohio Area

This is a basic primer on how attaching to utility poles in this area occurs. There are 4 components to the process:

1. Engineering/Inspection
2. Make-ready Estimate
3. Attachment
4. Fees.

In general, the pole owners in the Delaware Area follow the same procedure. When an organization wants to attach to a utility's poles, they contact the owner, and that utility provider will have the requester complete an application form. The form provides relevant information as to what poles attachments are desired, what type of a attachment (how heavy), how many poles, etc.

From this information, the utility will engage a utility inspection/engineering firm to examine the poles. The fees for this service are the responsibility of the requester. The rates for this examination/engineering vary depending upon how many poles are to be inspected.

Following the engineering/inspection, the engineering firm will develop an estimate of the make-ready cost, and an allocation of that cost to the applicant. If the applicant agrees to pay the cost, the work for the make-ready is performed by the utility.

Once the make-ready work is complete (and sometimes before), attachments may be made, and all fees are due and payable to the utility.

Specific information for AEP in the application can be supplemented as follows:

1. There is a one time initial attachment fee of \$1.83 per pole.
2. The applicant is responsible to pay for all make-ready work on the poles.

The major utility providers in Delaware are AEP, Verizon, and Consolidated Electric. There are other providers with poles as well, and we were unable to obtain pole contact information in the available time for any providers other than AEP and Consolidated. Verizon prefers that all communications about pole contact go directly to them, rather than through us.