



TeAM Policy

Telecom Applications Management

SUBJECT: Access to High Tension Towers

POLICY NO.: 006-03-01

Policy Statement

In order for Telecommunications customers to gain entry to High Tension Towers on Con Edison's Right-of-Way, the following process will be followed:

Process:

For non-emergency, scheduled work, the Telecom customer will call the TeAM Project Specialist during regular scheduled hours 2 weeks in advance of the proposed work. The Telecom customer will supply the scope of work to the TeAM Project Specialist.

The Project Specialist will coordinate with the Transmission Line Maintenance (TLM) group for entry on to the right-of-way.

In the event of an emergency, the Telecom customer will call the TLM group directly during regular working hours. The Central Information Group (CIG) will be contacted during off hours and a request for a representative/inspector from the TLM group to provide access to the Right-Of-Way (ROW).

The following are the contact numbers for the respective groups.

TLM – (914) 789-6668
CIG – (212) 580-6763

In the event that Con Edison personnel discover a problem with the Telecom fiber optic cable, support hardware or support steel, the following will apply:

Any condition that has the potential to quickly develop into a situation that could jeopardize the safe reliable operation of the Transmission system shall be considered an emergency. An example of emergency situation is: Broken hardware that causes the fiber to come in close proximity to open wire electrical conductors. In emergency situations, the TLM group will contact the Telecom customer and at the same time make temporary repairs to ensure that the condition is made safe. TLM group may also elect to stand by to await the arrival of the Telecom customer's repair crews. The Telecom customer will make permanent repairs as soon as possible.

If Con Edison personnel discover non-emergency conditions, they will contact the TeAM Project Specialist. It will be the responsibility of the Project Specialist to contact the Telecom customer regarding required repairs.

The Telecom customer will assume the total cost incurred by any work performed by the TLM group to alleviate a potential problem.

The TLM group will assign an inspector when the Telecom customer does work on the Towers or the Right-Of-Way. The Telecom customer will pay for the cost of the inspector's time on site.

Contractors working for the Telecom customer must be Con Edison approved contractors with knowledge and qualification to work in the area of high voltage. (See Operating procedures, section 6.4) A current HASP will be required of all contractors working on the Towers and the Right-Of-Way.

The Con Edison inspectors have the right to suspend the work if they observe that it is not being performed in a safe manner. The Con Edison inspector has the right to suspend the work if environmental problems occur i.e. oil spills, hydraulic spills, etc.