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ORIENTATION  
POLE INSPECTION



# POLE INSPECTION - GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- **Connexus Energy cannot guarantee the condition of any right of way (ROW) utility poles are placed in. Generally, we do not own the ROW's our equipment is placed within.**
- **Ensure that you do a proper worksite evaluation before approaching any utility and that when approaching a utility pole you have surveyed the area for any general hazards such as:**
  - ✓ **Poisonous plants (ivy, sumac, oak)**
  - ✓ **Insect nests**
  - ✓ **Slip, trip, or fall hazards**
  - ✓ **Traffic hazards**



# POLE INSPECTION – SPECIFIC HAZARDS

- **Utility poles are exposed to the weather and the general public, and may have conditions Connexus Energy is unaware of as a result.**
- **Unsafe conditions may exist, and are not limited to:**
  - ✓ **Cut or damaged ground wires**
  - ✓ **Cut or broken guy wires**
  - ✓ **Broken, cracked, or damaged insulators**
  - ✓ **Severe cracks or breaks in the pole**
  - ✓ **Broken or damaged wire**
  - ✓ **Broken or damaged cross arms**
  - ✓ **Arcing or sparking transformers, regulators, or capacitors**
- **If any of these conditions exist, do NOT approach the pole, call Connexus Energy System Operations and report them immediately.**



# PRECAUTIONS IF HAZARD FOUND

**If you find any condition that may cause immediate danger to yourself or the general public:**

- 1. Back away from the affected area**
- 2. Alert Connexus Energy System Operations**
- 3. Do not let others approach the pole**



# UNAUTHORIZED POLE ATTACHMENTS

- **If you believe that an unauthorized pole attachment is present, please make a note of that to your inspection record.**
- **Unauthorized pole attachments are, but are not limited to:**
  - ✓ **Signs**
  - ✓ **Television reception dishes**
  - ✓ **Deer stands**
  - ✓ **Holiday decorations**
- **If you believe an unauthorized pole attachment creates danger to you, the general public, or our employees, report it immediately to System Operations**



# YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

- You are a valued partner to help ensure our system is safe and reliable – please do not hammer test or drill any pole where specific or general hazards exist.
- Thank you – if you have any specific questions not covered in this orientation, please contact the Connexus Energy Engineering or Safety department.

