

Updated Policy for Evaluating Additional Attachments to Existing Poles

Effective Immediately, Hydro One will eliminate the requirement to evaluate or replace existing Hydro One infrastructure not associated with new fibre attachments.

Why has this policy changed?

Hydro One has recognized that in order to meet the Broadband requirements in 2025, we need to allow ISPs to focus on the requirements of make ready specifically for their fibre installations.

Design engineers would ensure the pole has sufficient strength and that there are no undue hazards, but where Hydro Ones has existing guys, anchors, insulators, etc. there will not be a requirement to evaluate the strength or complete any associated make ready work.

It is essential to emphasize that while the evaluation scope has been refined, evaluating the pole's class against current standards remains a critical step.

What is the impact and benefits?

This new policy will reduce broadband required engineering and make ready work where existing Hydro One installations may not meet current standards.

Further information can be found on BlackBerry Workspaces [here](#). If you have any questions, concerns or need further clarification, we are here to help. Please reach out to us at externaljointuse@hydroone.com.

Thank you for your partnership.



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