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Effective as of May 26, 2023, a full engineering analysis is no longer required where an overlashed cable has been previously accounted for, i.e., demonstrated by the original plans, approved standards, and work instructions.

**Why has this policy changed?**

Since the BBFA was announced, Hydro One has been looking for ways to reduce the make ready work and decrease the time required to enable broadband installations.

Using a proposed approach from one of our partner Internet Service Providers (ISPs), and working with Infrastructure Ontario, Hydro One looked at ways to allow overlashing with reduced engineering while still meeting the requirements within the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards and Ontario Regulation 22/04. In this instance, it was identified that the overlashed cable would have been accounted for in Hydro One's original design, and therefore a full engineering analysis of the pole line was not required. Hydro One then investigated typical overlashing installations to see if this same principle could apply. It was found that in most cases, overlashing would fall into the category of "Previously Accounted For".

**What is the impact and benefits?**

Given that this revised policy will no longer require a full engineering analysis for all overlashing applications, it will reduce time and potentially make ready work.

The full policy can be found on Hydro One's BlackBerry Workspaces (BBWS) platform. If you would like to gain access to BBWS or have any other questions, please complete and submit the Confidentiality Agreement Initiation Form (CAIF). For any other questions, please email [externaljointuse@hydroone.com](mailto:externaljointuse@hydroone.com).

Thank you for your partnership.

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