



CenterPoint Energy
P.O. Box 209
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To: All Communication Attachers and Authorized Representatives

RE: NOTICE OF UPDATES TO CENTERPOINT ENERGY INDIANA ELECTRIC POLE ATTACHMENT POLICY REGARDING POLE LOADING ANALYSES AND APPLICATION FEES INCLUDING POST INSPECTIONS

This notice serves as a formal notification regarding upcoming changes to CenterPoint Energy's pole attachment application process in the Indiana Electric service territory, effective July 1st, 2026. These changes are being implemented to ensure the continued safety, reliability, and integrity of our utility infrastructure.

KEY CHANGES TO THE ATTACHMENT APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Mandatory Pole Loading Analysis (PLA)

- a. Effective July 1st, 2026, all new pole attachment applications must include a comprehensive Pole Loading Analysis (PLA). A comprehensive PLA will not be required for overlash-only applications.
- b. The PLA must demonstrate that the proposed attachment will not compromise the structural integrity or safety of CenterPoint Energy's utility poles.
- c. The PLA must be prepared and certified by a third-party Professional Engineer (P.E.) registered in the state of Indiana from CenterPoint Energy's list of pre-approved engineering firms.
- d. Failure to provide a complete and certified PLA with your application will result in it being deemed incomplete and rejected.
- e. Attached to this notice is a list of approved contractors. Approved contractors are subject to periodic review and change without prior notice.
- f. Applications for attachments to transmission structures with distribution underbuild require a PLS CADD model. Attacher can request from CNP for an existing PLS CADD model, assuming one is available. If an existing PLS CADD model is not available, the Attacher will be responsible for providing one as part of the attachment application.



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Please note that CenterPoint currently performs a pole loading analysis via professional engineer after the application is submitted, and the cost is then billed to your company. This is necessary to maintain the integrity of CenterPoint's distribution grid. The only difference in the new process is that your company will obtain and pay for the engineering analysis up front. Accordingly, the cost associated with your applications will not change and the application process will be expedited because the analysis will now be performed before, rather than after, you submit your application.

2. New Attachment Application Fee

- a. Effective July 1st, 2026, a new, non-refundable fee will be required for the processing of each pole attachment application.
- b. This fee will cover the administrative costs associated with reviewing and processing applications, as well as route design and performance of survey/review of survey provided by licensee.

Details regarding the specific fee amount are included as an attachment to this notice. Applications that **include a PLA** are subject to the fee for applications that are submitted **with a survey**. Application fees **will not apply** to overlash-only applications.

CenterPoint will review each application submitted through SPANS to determine if the application is complete or is missing information. Once an application is determined to be complete, CenterPoint will determine the applicable application fee, described previously, and will invoice your company for that fee.

- c. Fees are subject to periodic review and adjustment with 60 days prior notice.

The above application fees are intended to recover costs for which CenterPoint Energy is not already compensated through the annual pole attachment rental rate. These fees are calculated specifically to collect non-recurring costs associated with processing the specific application to which they are applied. The costs for which fees are charged are not booked to the FERC accounts that are included in the calculation of the annual rental rate.



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3. Post Inspections

- a. To ensure that new attachments are compliant with CenterPoint Energy's Guidelines and Standards and all applicable codes (including, but not limited to, the NESC) and laws, CenterPoint Energy will conduct a post-installation inspection of all as-built construction (including overlashing), at the expense of the new attacher.
- b. All as-built construction identified as non-compliant with the NESC, CenterPoint Energy's standards or any other applicable law during a post-installation inspection must be remediated by the attacher as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days after the date CenterPoint Energy notifies the new attacher of same via a non-compliant construction notification.
- c. During the construction phase, attacher shall notify CenterPoint of any changes to the route design. Under no circumstance shall the attacher install additional attachments not included in the application; otherwise, the new attacher's job will fail the post-installation inspection and all attachments shall be deemed unauthorized attachments.
- d. The new attacher shall notify Centerpoint Energy if construction is delayed or cancelled. If the new attacher fails to notify CenterPoint of a cancellation of attachment or delay in construction and CenterPoint Energy performs a post-installation inspection, attacher will be billed the post-installation inspection cost for that inspection as well as all subsequent inspections necessary to confirm whether the new attachment is compliant.

Questions regarding this notice may be sent to:
INPoleAttachments@CenterPointEnergy.com

We encourage you to review the notice carefully and ensure that all future applications are complete and compliant. These changes are vital to our mission of providing safe and reliable energy to the communities we serve. If you wish for CenterPoint Energy to consider contractors not included on the approved contractor list, please direct those requests to the above email address.



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IF CENTERPOINT ENERGY SHOULD SEND THIS NOTICE TO A DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL OR ADDRESS TO AFFECT NOTICE UNDER THE PARTIES' POLE LICENSE AGREEMENT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you for your cooperation and for your commitment to working with CenterPoint Energy to maintain safe and reliable utility infrastructure.

Thanks,



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