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Ross Johnson Associate Director - Regulatory AT&T California 525 Market Street, 19th Floor, #33 San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT: Audit of AT&T – Ventura County

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission, Richard Kyo of my staff conducted a Communication Infrastructure Provider (CIP) audit of AT&T – Ventura County from September 15, 2014 to September 19, 2014. The audit included a review of AT&T's records and field inspections of AT&T's facilities.

During the audit, my staff identified violations of one or more General Orders (GOs). A copy of the audit findings itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise me no later than March 9, 2015, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by AT&T to remedy and prevent such violations.

If you have any questions, you can contact Richard Kyo at (213) 576-7081 or richard.kyo@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Program Project Supervisor

Electric Safety and Reliability Branch

Safety and Enforcement Division

Enclosure: Audit Findings

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AUDIT FINDINGS

The following violations were not documented and/or addressed by AT&T during its last inspection as required by General Order 95:

1.	Location:	Pole No. 1241768E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/16/2014

Explanation of Violation(s):

Inadequate Clearance Between AT&T Cable and CIP Aerial Box

GO 95, Rule 38, Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, states in part:

The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...

Table 2, Column C, Case 8, states that the minimum vertical clearance between two communication conductors on the same pole and in adjoining midspans may be no less than 12 inches. An AT&T cable and an aerial CIP box were touching.

2.	Location:	Pole No. 1067534E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/16/2014

Explanation of Violation(s):

Inadequate Clearance Between AT&T Aerial Box and CIP Cable

GO 95, Rule 38, Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, states in part:

The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...

Table 2, Column C, Case 8, states that the minimum vertical clearance between two communication conductors on the same pole and in adjoining midspans may be no less than 12 inches. An AT&T aerial box and a CIP cable were touching.

3.	Location:	Pole No. 1089258E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/16/2014

Inadequate Clearance Between AT&T Trunk Line and CIP Service Drop

GO 95, Rule 38, Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, states in part:

The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...

Table 2, Column C, Case 8, states that the minimum vertical clearance between two communication conductors on the same pole and in adjoining midspans may be no less than 12 inches. An AT&T trunk line and a CIP service drop were touching.

4.	Location:	4564 Dean Dr., Ventura, CA
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/16/2014

Explanation of Violation(s):

Broken Lashing Wire Touching AT&T Trunk Line

GO 95, Rule 38, Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, states in part:

The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...

Table 2, Column C, Case 8, states that the minimum vertical clearance between two communication conductors on the same pole and in adjoining midspans may be no less than 12 inches. A broken lashing wire was touching an AT&T trunk line.

5.	Location:	Pole No. 2323458E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/16/2014

CIP Service Drop Attached to AT&T Trunk Line

GO 95, Rule 38, Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, states in part:

The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...

Table 2, Column C, Case 8, states that the minimum vertical clearance between two communication conductors on the same pole and in adjoining midspans may be no less than 12 inches. A CIP service drop was attached to an AT&T trunk line.

6.	Location:	Pole No.1139099E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/16/2014

Explanation of Violation(s):

Inadequate Clearance Between AT&T Cable and CIP Aerial Box

GO 95, Rule 38, Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, states in part:

The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...

Table 2, Column C, Case 8, states that the minimum vertical clearance between two communication conductors on the same pole and in adjoining midspans may be no less than 12 inches. An AT&T cable and an aerial CIP box were touching.

7.	Location:	Pole No. 1139064E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/16/2014

Inadequate Clearance Between AT&T Cable and CIP Cable

GO 95, Rule 38, Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, states in part:

The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...

Table 2, Column C, Case 8, states that the minimum vertical clearance between two communication conductors on the same pole and in adjoining midspans may be no less than 12 inches. An AT&T cable and CIP had inadequate clearance at midspan.

8.	Location:	Pole No. 4586077E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/17/2014

Explanation of Violation(s):

Damaged AT&T Ground Moulding

GO 95, Rule 84.6-B, Ground Wires, states in part:

Ground wires, other than lightning protection wires not attached to equipment or ground wires on grounded structures, shall be covered by metal pipe or suitable covering of wood or metal...

GO 95, Rule 31.1, Design, Construction, and Maintenance, states in part:

Electrical supply and communication systems shall be designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use...

AT&T's ground moulding at this pole was damaged.

9.	Location:	Pole No. 4568474E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/17/2014

Inadequate Clearance Between AT&T Cable and CIP Cable

GO 95, Rule 38, Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, states in part:

The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...

Table 2, Column C, Case 8, states that the minimum vertical clearance between two communication conductors on the same pole and in adjoining midspans may be no less than 12 inches. An AT&T service drop was touching a CIP cable.

10.	Location:	Pole No. 4100342E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/17/2014

Explanation of Violation(s):

Damaged AT&T Ground Moulding

GO 95, Rule 84.6-B, Ground Wires, states in part:

Ground wires, other than lightning protection wires not attached to equipment or ground wires on grounded structures, shall be covered by metal pipe or suitable covering of wood or metal...

GO 95, Rule 31.1, Design, Construction, and Maintenance, states in part:

Electrical supply and communication systems shall be designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use...

AT&T's ground moulding at this pole was damaged.

11.	Location:	Pole No. 4104752E
	Previous AT&T Visit Details:	July 2014
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	09/17/2014
	Explanation of Viola	ation(s):

Abandoned AT&T Cable

GO 95, Rule 31.6, Abandoned Lines, states in part:

Lines or portions of lines permanently abandoned shall be removed by their owners so that such lines shall not become a public nuisance or a hazard to life or property.

An abandoned cable was hanging alongside the pole.