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COMPANY NAME: PIONEER TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

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Report is required by: OAR OAR 860-024-0011

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**Division 24
Facilities Inspection Progress
Reporting Cycle 2008 through 2017
Due No Later Than March 15, 2018



Operator Information

Operator Name: PIONEER TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	
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Pole owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide a list of all operators attached to your poles. SEE ATTACHED LIST	

Progress Update for Reporting Cycle January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2017

Did you submit a "5 year check-in report" to the OPUC Safety Staff? Yes No

Did you meet the requirements of OAR 860-0024-0011 for the reporting cycle ending December 31, 2017? Yes No

If not, please file a correction plan for Commission review.

(Staff routinely audits operator records, and conducts field inspections to confirm an operator's inspection/correction process is identifying code violations and correcting them within 2-years.)

**** Reminder ****

The next ten year cycle is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2027. You are required to file a report half way through that cycle demonstrating you have conducted detailed inspections of at least 50% of your facilities.

Do you have a plan in place to complete detailed inspections of at least 50% of your facilities by 2023 as required by OAR 860-024-0011.

Yes No

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Broadband and Voice Applications

March 09, 2018

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RE: Commission Safety Response

This letter is Pioneer Telephone Cooperative's response to the Oregon Public Utility Commission concerning the 2008-2017 inspection cycle per Oregon Administrative Rules, Division 24 Safety Standards. The Facilities Inspection Progress Form, e-Filing Report Cover Sheet and PTC Pole Operators List for this period (attachments) are being submitted as well.

Even though the Cooperative did not fully meet the Commission's requirement for pole inspections and reporting for the 2008-2017 cycle we did make significant strides to eliminate aerial plant and the hazardous conditions that can be associated with it. We have also developed a corrective action plan that will actually exceed the requirements of the next ten year cycle.

During the 2008-2017 cycle the Cooperative worked diligently with the four electric utilities that provide service in our areas to eliminate all NESC violations. We do not have any outstanding NJUNS tickets for NESC violations. All corrective work identified by electric utilities serving our areas has been completed or is scheduled to be completed by power crews. Our relationship with these four utilities is outstanding and the cooperation between utilities to eliminate NESC issues over the 2008-2017 cycle was very good.

In terms of training, the Cooperative has sent all of our Engineering, Construction and I&R personnel to the OJUA training every time the NESC Code has been updated to ensure they are trained properly to recognize existing NESC violations and build outside plant according to the NESC rules.

In 2008 the Cooperative started off the year owning 875 poles. During the 2008-2017 cycle the Cooperative placed buried plant that removed 280 poles (32% of existing inventory). In addition the Cooperative placed an additional 66 poles (7.5% of existing inventory) to eliminate existing poles that had exceeded their life expectancy. This total of 346 poles amounted to about 39.5% of the Cooperative's existing pole inventory being removed or replaced since the start of 2008.

Over the course of the next two years the Cooperative will be moving to a new mapping program that will require a field visit to every existing pole structure. Pole inventories, visual inspections and coordinates will all be gathered and recorded at that time. In addition, the Cooperative is currently working with Osmose to schedule inspection and core testing on 75 of our existing poles in 2018 and to get an estimate for testing the remainder of our pole inventory as soon as financially practical.

The Cooperative has corrected all NESC issues, removed or replaced almost 40% of our existing poles over the last ten years, will be making field visits to all poles within the next two years and have established an internal inventory system which will accommodate all of the OPUC's requirements.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Bounds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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RE: Pole Operators List

This is a list of Utilities currently contacting poles owned by Pioneer Telephone Cooperative:

Consumers Power, Inc.
Central Lincoln PUD
PacifiCorp
Blachly Lane Electric
Comcast
Alsea River Cable

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