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TO: General Managers

 Finance Directors

FROM: Michelle Hershel

SUBJECT: Pole Attachment Rates

**We need to prepare for possible testimony on SB 1524 and need updated information on your telecom/cable pole attachment rates.**

 The telephone and cable coalition have filed a bill which might give the Department of Management Services (DMS) authority over co-op pole attachment rates. The purpose of the bill would be to provide grants to broadband projects and priority will be given to projects that meet certain strategies. One strategy is to encourage entry of broadband in unserved areas “**by removing barriers to entry, such as unreasonably high pole-attachment rates**.” This language presumes that our pole attachment rates are currently unreasonably high. In addition, DMS will be able to decide whether or not a rate is unreasonably high and it is unclear what additional role DMS will play in regulating pole attachment rates. This language would not apply to IOUs since their rates are defined by the FCC’s pole attachment rate formula.

 Please provide this information below and fax (850) 656-5485 or e-mail, mhershel@feca.com to me as soon as possible.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telecom Rate:

Telecom Co. pays to co-op:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-op pays to Telecom Co.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cable Rate:

Cable Co. pays to co-op:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-op pays to Cable Co.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_