

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Rural Electrification Administration

**BULLETIN 1726A-125**

**SUBJECT:** Joint Use Agreement With CATV Companies

**TO:** REA Electric Borrowers and REA Electric Staff

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Date of Approval

**EXPIRATION DATE:** Seven years from effective date

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST:** Distribution Branch, Electric Staff  
Division

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:** This is a new bulletin. File along with  
7 CFR 1726 in the blue binders.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bulletin is to (1) furnish REA  
borrowers with a sample joint use agreement with CATV companies,  
(2) provide borrowers with guidance in executing such an  
agreement, and (3) provide borrowers with guidelines regarding  
construction practices on joint use poles.

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**ABBREVIATIONS**

CATV Cable Television (Company)  
NESC National Electrical Safety Code (Accredited Standards  
Committee C2)

**1. Introduction:** A sample agreement for the joint use of poles, between REA borrowers and cable television companies, has been developed. A copy of this agreement, titled "License Agreement," is attached as an Appendix and a part of this bulletin.

**2. Purpose:** The purpose of this bulletin is to (1) furnish REA borrowers with a sample joint use agreement with CATV companies for the joint use of poles, (2) provide borrowers with guidance in executing such an agreement, and (3) provide borrowers with guidelines for construction and other related practices regarding joint use poles.

**3. Application:** The attached "License Agreement" is provided as a sample agreement which complies with all of the current, applicable REA requirements and recommendations.

**3.1** The requirements for conformance to the NESC and other codes and regulations in Section 2, "Specifications," of the attached "License Agreement," are currently REA requirements and should remain essentially unchanged in the final executed agreement. The remaining provisions of the attached agreement clearly define and document good construction, maintenance, notification, and billing practices. Therefore, REA recommends, but does not require, that each one of these provisions be discussed and agreed upon by the parties, executed and enforced.

**4. Execution:** REA borrowers may execute the attached agreement without modifications, by filling in the appropriate information and securing the proper signatures. Alternately, the borrowers may modify the sample agreement as may be appropriate or required before signing. In either event, before executing the agreement, the borrower is advised to compare its provisions with the current requirements and guidelines of: (1) REA; (2) national, state, and local governing authorities having jurisdiction over contractual agreements and construction practices of the parties of the agreement; and (3) applicable national, state, and local safety and construction codes. The borrower is advised to have the agreement reviewed by a corporate attorney for form and content before execution.

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