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West Haven UT – ComCast Unauthorized and Unsafe Work – June 2, 2004

06/02/2004 @ 09:30 AM observed XL Cable crew performing work for ComCast on PacifiCorp facilities just south of 2550 S and 4700 W in West Haven, UT (from pole 11206002.0 294001 south for @ 8 poles). Stopped at site to take pictures and talk to foreman. Called admin to see if poles were permitted to perform work, they were not – no application had been made for the work. Spoke on site with Mike Johnson, XL Cable OH Const Supervisor. My first area of concern was the gross violation of the safety space by three of the four crew members performing the work (see pictures below). In addition we discussed that make ready that was not being performed to clear up existing NESC violations, that ComCast had not applied to perform work on the poles, and ComCast is not approved to perform the work. Mike expressed he understood my concern about violating the safety space, that attachments were not in compliance with NESC, and that the work was not authorized. We also discussed UDOT road crossing requirements that were not met by the ComCast attachments crossing the roadway from the poles where work was being performed.

I told Mike that PacifiCorp considered the attachments to be unauthorized, but he should finish the over-lash of the cable/fiber that was already in travelers, but do not violate the safety space as I observed when approaching the work site. I expressed that in the future the unsafe work, unpermitted work, and work not in compliance with NESC and UDOT clearances would be stopped immediately, and until all permitting and make ready were performed. We had a good conversation regarding PacifiCorp's position that safety takes priority over all other considerations.



