### Rural Electrification Administration Telephone Engineering and Construction Manual

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#### DESIGN OF POLE LINES

Purpose: This addendum is issued to: (1) revise Table 4 to reflect the elimination of Figure 8 distribution wire in the 12-pair size,
(2) revise Table 5 in accordance with PE-38, REA Specification for Figure 8 Cable, to reflect replacement of the 0.148-inch solid integral support messenger with a 3/16-inch, 7-wire strand EHS galvanized steel integral support messenger, (3) establish Table 6 to provide the information previously included for lashed cable in Table 4. Addendum No. 3 replaces Addenda Nos. 1 and 2.

### TABLE 4

APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENTS OF FIGURE 8 DISTRIBUTION WIRE IN NUMBERS OF 0.109 INCH DIAMETER BARE LINE WIRES FOR USE IN CALCULATING TRANSVERSE LOADS ON POLES

| FIGURE 8 DISTRIBUTION WIRE | LENT NUMBER | OF WIRES               |       |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------|
| Pair/Support Wire          | Storm       | Storm Loading District |       |
|                            | Heavy       | Medium                 | Light |
| 1/0.109" or 0.134"         | 2           | 2                      | 4     |
| 3/0.109" or 0.134"         | 2           | 2                      | 6     |
| 6/0.109" or 0.134"         | 2           | · 2                    | 6     |
|                            |             |                        |       |

# APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENTS OF FIGURE 8 CABLE IN NUMBERS OF 0.109 INCH DIAMETER BARE LINE WIRES FOR USE IN CALCULATING TRANSVERSE LOADS ON POLES

| FIGURE 8      | CABLE   | EQUIVAL<br>Storm                        | ENT NUMBER OF WIRES<br>1 Loading District |                                  |  |
|---------------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Messenger     | Pair/Gauge  | Heavy                                   | Medium                                    | Light                            |  |
|               | 6/19  | 2                                       | 2   | 8                                |  |
| 3/16-Inch     | 18/19   | 2                                       | 4<br>4<br>2                               | 8<br>10<br>6                     |  |
| 7-Wire Strand | 12/22<br>18/22                                    | 2                                       | 2<br>4                                    | 8                                |  |
| EHS Steel     | 25/22<br>6/24<br>12/24<br>18/24<br>25/24<br>50/24 | 2 | 4<br>2<br>2<br>4<br>4                     | 8<br>6<br>6<br>8<br>8<br>10      |  |
| 1/4-Inch      | 25/19<br>50/19<br>75/19                           | 2<br>4<br>1                             | հ<br>հ                                    | 10<br>14<br>16                   |  |
| 7-Wire Strand | 50/22<br>75/22                                    | 2                                       | 4<br>4                                    | 10                               |  |
| EHS Steel     | 100/22<br>75/24<br>100/24<br>150/24<br>200/24     | 4<br>2<br>4<br>4<br>4                   | 4<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4                | 12<br>14<br>10<br>12<br>14<br>16 |  |

Note: REA recommends that no poles smaller than class 9 be used for supporting Figure 8 cables having 18 pairs or less; and that no poles smaller than class 7 be used for supporting Figure 8 cables having 25 pairs or more. A margin of strength of 1.33 should be used in selecting the class pole to be used for supporting all Figure 8 cables. The relatively large number of subscribers served from cable is considered as justification for these requirements.

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## TABLE 5

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## APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENTS OF <u>CABLE LASHED TO 6M OR LOM SUSPENSION</u> STRAND IN NUMBERS OF 0.109 INCH DIAMETER BARE LINE WIRES FOR USE IN CALCULATING TRANSVERSE LOADS ON POLES

| CABLE  | EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF WIRES                              |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Diameter, Excluding Strand   | Storm   | Storm Loading District                                     |  |  |  |
| 0.5 inch<br>0.75 inch<br>1.0 inch<br>1.25 inch<br>1.5 inch<br>1.75 inch<br>2.0 inch<br>2.25 inch<br>2.5 inch | Heavy<br>2<br>2<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4 | <u>Medium</u><br>2<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>4<br>6<br>6<br>6<br>6 | Light<br>8<br>12<br>14<br>16<br>18<br>20<br>22<br>24<br>28 |  |  |

Note: Diameters stated are for cable only. However, the equivalent number of bare wires is based on the cable diameter plus the strand diameter. For example, a cable 0.5 inch in diameter lashed to a 6M or 10M strand when storm loaded equates approximately to 2 bare 0.109inch diameter wires when these are storm loaded, in either the heavy or medium loading districts.