

# Temporary and Decorative Pole Attachments

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# Objective

- Establishing the duties, rights and obligations of:
  - external parties wishing to attach temporary and decorative items to Toronto Hydro poles
  - and Toronto Hydro





## Temporary, Decorative Attachments

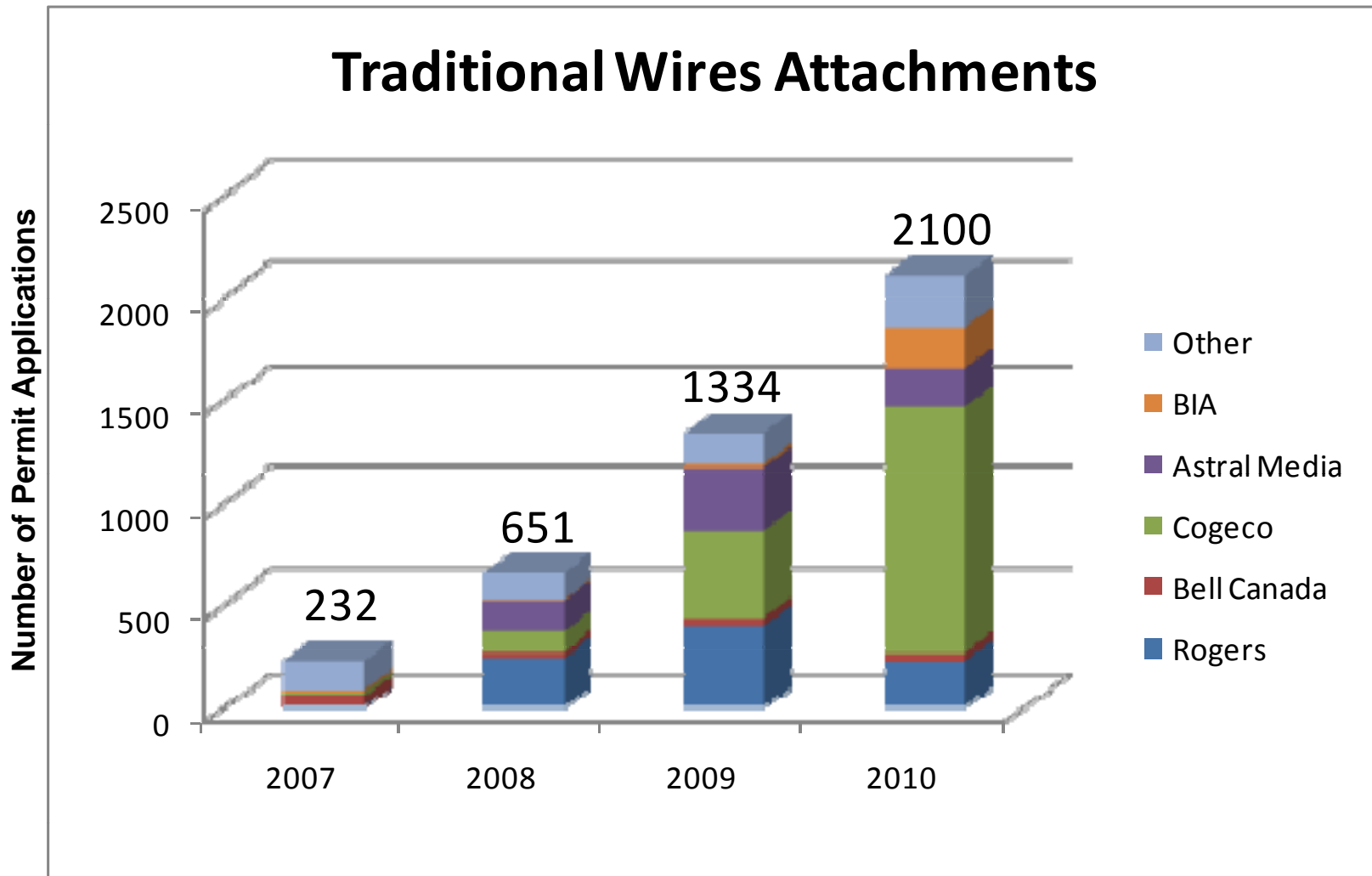
- Made to both the electricity distribution poles and street light poles
- A fee is charged to process an application permit of approximately \$200 for a 6 month permit
- No formal agreements in place
- Other 'wired' attachments exist on the poles - telecommunications
  - That are governed by legal agreements, and pay both application fees and an annual rental of \$22.35/attachment/pole/year
- The Ontario Electrical Safety Authority has a published technical guideline for third party attachments. Toronto Hydro is developing standards to ensure safe and correct placement of attachments.

# Examples of Wires Attachments



Rogers, Cogeco and Bell attachments

## Traditional Wires Attachments



## Electrical Safety Authority and O.Reg. 22/04

- Regulation created in 2004
- Enforced by the Electrical Safety Authority
- Sets out the process and responsibilities for allowing attachments
  - Attachment requestor must provide a plan certified by a Professional Engineer
  - Pole owner reviews request and may grant the attachment
  - Attachment must be installed according the approved request
  - Attachment requestor must provide a record of inspection
  - Pole owner is responsible for the safety of the distribution system and all work completed on it. Attachments may be audited for compliance.
- Annual audit of Toronto Hydro's compliance to O.Reg. 22/04

## New Business Model:

- All Attachers must enter into an agreement with Toronto Hydro for licenced occupancy of space on the poles
- Toronto Hydro will continue to process attachment requests in 2011
- Provided BIAs begin the process of entering into an agreement
- Toronto Hydro has worked with the City BIA Office to develop a draft agreement.
  - No pole rental fee
  - Permit valid for 12 months (an increase from the current 6 months)
  - Same application fee



# Next Steps

- As new permits are received, we will ask for the contact person who has the authority to sign the agreement on behalf of the BIA
- Toronto Hydro continues to update its Construction Standards
- These will be given to the BIAs to follow
- Agreements will be signed over the next year

