

1 **Q. The Administration Practices states at 3.02:**

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3 *“Both Parties recognize that one Party’s ownership of a Pole Line is preferable to*
4 *mixed ownership where such sole ownership is a practical alternative to mixed*
5 *ownership.”*

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7 **What are the problems with mixed ownership?**

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9 **A.** In Section 3.02 of the Administration Practices, “mixed ownership” of a Pole Line refers
10 to the mixed ownership of individual poles within discrete sections of distribution lines or
11 feeders.

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13 From an operational perspective, inspections and maintenance can be more efficiently
14 carried out when ownership of poles in specific sections of line is limited to a single
15 owner. For example, it would be more efficient for one owner to conduct a pole
16 inspection on a specific street or road, as opposed to having both parties travel to the
17 same street or road to inspect their own poles.

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19 From an administration perspective, it is also simpler to track maintenance or
20 construction activity when all poles in a discrete section of line are owned by a single
21 owner.

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23 Provisions such as Section 3.02 of the Administration Practices have existed in Joint Use
24 Agreements since at least the late 1980s.