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I support the sharing of data between utilities and municipalities as a mutually beneficial proposal. From my municipal perspective, a local GIS department needs to expend a substantial amount of time and energy collecting data about poles, even if pole locations are already mapped via a fly-over. For example, Milford's GIS staff has had to visually inspect each individual pole location to collect pole-specific ID numbers and ownership information. Due to labor intensiveness required to visually inspect each individual pole, we have collected a very limited amount of pole ID and ownership information to fulfill the scope of specific small-scale projects. In providing the pole GIS data for our entire City, the electric company will facilitate our ability to report problems with increased timeliness and accuracy. I also view this proposal as an opportunity for the municipal GIS departments to begin sharing their own local data with the utilities so that there is a reciprocal data flow.

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