

**American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association**

**Letter Ballot 07-18-07**

1. **Committee and Subcommittee:** Committee 7, Timber Structures; Subcommittee 3, Construction, maintenance and inspection of wood bridges and trestles.
2. **Letter Ballot Number:** 07-18-07
3. **Assignment:** C3-1-14 Review and update Parts 4 and 5 and associated commentary of Chapter 7.
4. **Ballot Item:** Modify Article 4.5.1 and add commentary Article 6.4.5.1 (see attached):
5. **Rationale:** In Article 4.5.1 the subcommittee's intent is to emphasize that the suggested details may be used and are not the only choices as it may be interpreted in the current statement. The additional commentary to Article 4.5.1 is further providing clarification that the company may choose to use the details included; however, other solutions may be used upon further investigation and approval of the railroad's competent person.
6. **Vote:** Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  

\*Note: If you have a conflict of interest on the topic being considered, you must mark the ballot "Abstain."
7. **Comments:** Comments must be provided when voting to disapprove or abstain. Use additional space on back or attach sheet as necessary.  

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8. **Voting Deadline:** Please vote ONLINE. If you are unable to vote online, please e-mail your ballot to Christopher Frank at [cfrank@gwrr.com](mailto:cfrank@gwrr.com). The deadline to vote is **December 7, 2018**.
9. **Signature:** I have read the regulations Governing AREMA Technical Committees and have complied with all its requirements.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (if changed): \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposed changes as follows:

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Added text shown in red.

*Modify Article 4.5.1:*

~~Pile Posting, or replacing defective portions of piles should be performed as follows:~~

**Pile posting, or replacement of defective portions of piles, may be performed as outlined in this article.**

*Add Commentary Article 6.4.5.1:*

**The intent of this section is to make it clear that the pile repair options presented are alternatives that may be applied in specific conditions. Unless already addressed by standard plans and specifications, these options should be evaluated by each company's Railroad Bridge Engineer. These solutions are not intended to restore the pile functionality to its original state, rather they are to provide an improved condition that will allow train traffic.**