

POLICY BULLETIN NO. 10-6

SUBJECT: LINE EXTENSION - SINGLE PHASE, STANDARD OVERHEAD CONSTRUCTION

POLICY:

Cooperative members may receive standard single-phase overhead service in accordance with this policy.

1. Line extension route and service entrance location: The Cooperative will approve all service entrance locations. The Cooperative will determine the route the power line will follow going to the proposed service entrance location and will seek to select a route agreeable to the applicant providing such route does not increase construction and maintenance cost of the line extension. Unapproved service entrance locations shall require a Contribution-In-Aid of construction charge in advance, for the additional costs incurred by the Cooperative's facilities to reach such service entrance location.
2. Residential Permanent-type Dwellings:
 - A. A Residential dwelling shall be considered of permanent-type provided the dwelling is an enduring, all-weather structure, and must be constructed for full-time year-round use and must have space for eating, living, sleeping and permanent indoor provisions for cooking, water under pressure and sanitation. Dwelling site must be accessible by an all-weather road.
 - B. Residential Permanent-type Single/Double-wide Mobile Homes: Single/Double-wide mobile homes shall be considered a "Residential Permanent-type Dwelling" provided the unit is intended for full-time year-round use and has space for eating, living, sleeping and permanent indoor provisions for cooking, water under pressure and sanitation. Mobile home site must be accessible by an all-weather road.
 - C. Standard overhead extensions to serve a residential permanent-type dwelling will require a Contribution-In-Aid of construction charge by the customer requesting service in accordance with item 7 below.
3. Camper Trailers/Recreational Vehicles: Camper trailers, recreational vehicles and other similar mobile units shall be considered non-permanent. Standard overhead extensions to serve these units shall be made at no cost to the applicant, provided the construction does not require a plant investment of more than a service drop (one service span). Any construction costs greater than this amount shall require a Contribution-In-Aid of construction charge by the customer requesting service in accordance with item 7 below. Meter poles must be installed in accordance with Policy Bulletin No. 10-13.
4. Residential Subdivisions/Mobile Home Parks: Standard overhead extensions to residential subdivisions or mobile home parks will be made only where a properly surveyed and recorded plat/drawing of the subdivision/park is provided by the owner and/or developer. Developments must have a minimum of 10 building/mobile home lots to be classified as a subdivision/mobile home park. Prior to construction of any electric facilities a recorded blanket subdivision easement must be executed by the owner and/or developer and development must be approved by any applicable authorities (planning commission, Department of Health/Environment, etc). Standard overhead extensions shall require a Contribution-In-Aid of construction charge by the owner and/or developer requesting service in accordance with item 7 below.
5. Temporary Service: For Temporary Service see Policy Bulletin No. 10-10.
6. All Other Services: Standard overhead extensions not requiring a plant investment of more than a service drop (one service span) shall be made at no cost to serve other services including barns, pumps, silos, grain bins, shops, garages, outbuildings, poultry houses, permanent outdoor signs, motor homes, campers and other similar services. Any construction costs greater than this amount shall require a Contribution-In-Aid of construction charge by the customer requesting service in accordance with item 7 below.

7. **Contribution-In-Aid of Construction Charges:** Charges shall be paid to MEC prior to construction. Charge rates are shown in Exhibit 10-6: CONTRIBUTION-IN-AID OF CONSTRUCTION CHARGE RATES for STANDARD SINGLE PHASE, OVERHEAD SERVICES. Charge rate shall be updated periodically.

- A. For single phase line extensions requiring the installation of ten (10) poles or less, charges shall be computed on a per pole basis in accordance with Exhibit 10-6.
- B. Line extensions requiring the installation of more than ten poles will require the approval of the General Manager or his/her designated representative. A power contract shall be established to justify and support the necessary construction, operation, and maintenance cost of the line extension.
- C. All others: Line extension request will be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure charges justify and support the project.

8. **Construction Commencement and Refund Policy**

A. Refund Eligibility:

If construction does not commence within twelve (12) months from the date of payment, the individual or contractor shall be entitled to a full refund of all amounts paid to date for materials and labor.

B. Effect of Refund:

Upon issuance of the refund, the individual or contractor shall thereafter be responsible for the **actual cost** of the project, should it proceed.

C. Special Order Materials and Equipment:

If any material or equipment purchased is classified as a **special order** and is not used by MEC, the individual or contractor **shall not be entitled to a refund** for such items.

D. Price Increases Beyond 12 Months:

If more than twelve (12) months have passed without commencement and prices have increased, the individual or contractor shall be required to pay the **actual cost** of the project at that time, including any applicable increases in material or labor costs.

9. **Accessibility:** The premises must have an accessible road for the Cooperative to get construction equipment to the proposed construction location. Also, the Cooperative reserves the right to refuse to cross any bridges determined or thought to be unsafe.

10. **Right-of-Way Easement:** The applicant shall be responsible for executing a right-of-way easement as specified by the Cooperative between the landowner and/or designated representative and the Cooperative. This easement will specify the terms of right-of-way clearing, cutting, and future maintenance of lines.

11. **Right-of-Way Clearing:** All right-of-way clearing for new line extensions will be cleared to the Cooperative's specification R1-40.

A. **Residential Permanent-type Dwellings:** The Cooperative will clear one span of right-of-way located adjacent to the take-off pole. All additional right-of-way clearing will be cleared by the applicant in accordance with paragraph B below.

B. **All others:** All right-of-way clearing will be cleared by the applicant. If, in the opinion of management, it becomes necessary for the Cooperative to clear the right-of-way, a charge based on the estimated cost of clearing will be required from the applicant prior to clearing; after clearing, the actual cost of clearing will be obtained, and the Cooperative will reconcile with the applicant any differences between estimated and actual clearing costs.

12. For underground service see Policy Bulletin No. 10-8.
13. For three phase residential service see Policy Bulletin No. 10-3.
14. For three phase non-residential service see Policy Bulletin No. 10-14.
15. Other policies relating to connection, disconnection, reconnection, deposits, minimum billing, etc., must be considered and complied with as applicable.

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