

Line Extension

Policy #4.009

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Signed by: Jack Korman, Board Chair

1.0 GENERAL

These rules and regulations set forth the terms and conditions under which the Cooperative will construct and extend its facilities to serve new loads and replace, relocate, or otherwise modify its facilities to the benefit of specific members. All facilities installed by the Cooperative or its contractors shall remain the property of the Cooperative except where otherwise noted.

The Cooperative aims to provide services to all its members who apply for membership and service within its service area. The Cooperative will determine the extension route and type of construction based on the rules applicable to the required class of service.

2.0 GENERAL EXTENSION POLICY

2.1 SINGLE AND MULTI-PHASE PERMANENT UNDERGROUND SERVICE

(a) Allowed Extensions, Single Phase: For the Facility Charge in the applicable rate schedule, the Cooperative will extend primary service 250 feet along an approved route (see Section 3.0).

1. This applies to a location with a permanent metered service with non-seasonal usage.
2. Year-round electrical usage of at least 600 kWh per month.
3. Any and all required permit fees to be paid by the member.

Single Phase: \$12.00 per foot of excess over 250 feet.

(b) Allowed Three Phase Extensions: For the Facility Charge in the applicable rate schedule, the Cooperative will extend primary service 250 feet along an approved route (see Section 3.0) where in the judgment of the Cooperative, alternatives to three phase service are not the more economical.

3-Phase: \$15.00 per foot of excess over 250 feet

Include the following as needed:

Price of Transformer:

*Actual price less an allowance of \$2,500 for less than 70 KVa transformer

*Actual price less an allowance of \$4,000 for greater than or equal to 70 KVa transformer

(c) All free footage will include riser and primary connections

(d) If the new construction for 3 phase replaces an existing single-phase line, use two-thirds of the above rates for 3-Phase. If it replaces the existing multi-phase (2 phase) line, use 1/3 of the above rates for three phase. The member shall pay the cooperative in advance of construction for any excess line extension.

(e) Excess Facility Charges for overhead: All overhead construction shall be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

(f) Service Points: Only one point of service per premise is allowed except for additional residences. Extensions on-premises to additional service points other than to a residence will require a 100% contribution in aid of construction by the member. Mobile homes may be served from an existing meter provided the member responsible for payment agrees to the applicable rate schedule.

(g) Limitation: If the total investment required to render service exceeds \$25,000 for single phase or \$50,000 for three phase, the Cooperative reserves the right to make a special study to determine the appropriate charges and guarantees. For land developments, see Section 4.2.

* Credit based on equivalent cost of similar overhead transformer bank installation

2.2 TEMPORARY SERVICE FOR CONSTRUCTION

The Cooperative will provide temporary service in accordance with applicable rate schedules and the following:

(a) Where a temporary service is not to become any part of the permanent service, the member shall pay the estimated cost of installation and removal before the service is constructed. The charges will be revised upward or downward to reflect actual costs.

- (b) Temporary services (underground secondary) that are to become the permanent service but cannot be installed at the permanent location at the time the service is originally built will be assessed the actual cost of the construction for said service.
- (c) Where the Cooperative is required to install a transformer without any primary or secondary construction for a temporary service, the charge will be the actual construction cost for said service.

2.3 LOADS OF QUESTIONABLE DURATION

When service is requested for loads of questionable duration such as, but not limited to, sawmills, mixer plants, gravel pits, drainage pumps, not qualifying as permanent, etc., the Cooperative will install, own, operate, and maintain all distribution facilities up to the point of attachment to the customer's service equipment subject to the following:

- (a) Contribution in Aid of Construction:

Single Phase:	\$3,000 base fee under 250ft.
	\$12.00 per foot
3 Phase:	\$3,750 base fee under 250 ft.
	\$15.00 per foot
	Actual price of transformer

3.0 ROUTING

The Cooperative reserves the right to select the extension route. The length of the distribution line extension will be measured along an approved route from the Cooperative's nearest facilities from which the extension can be made to the member/member point of service. An approved route is a route determined to be likely useful in serving other members of the Cooperative. The length of any lateral extension from an approved route and on the member's property shall be measured from the Cooperative facilities to the service pole or entrance. Should the Cooperative choose a longer route for its own reasons, the applicant will not be charged for the additional distance. However, these rules and regulations outline the terms and conditions that govern the construction and extension of Cooperative facilities to serve new loads. They also cover replacing, relocating, or modifying existing facilities that will benefit specific members. It should be noted that all facilities installed by the Cooperative

or its contractors will remain the property of the Cooperative unless expressly stated otherwise. If the member requests special routing of the line, the member will be required to pay the extra cost resulting from the special routing.

4.0 UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION

4.1 GENERAL

At the Cooperative's option, if FMEC's underground contractor's schedule or the weather does not allow underground installation, FMEC may reimburse the member 50% of the Cooperative's contractor's rate for the member to do his own trenching.

4.2 LAND DEVELOPMENTS

The Cooperative will install an underground electric distribution system in all new residential subdivisions, mobile home parks, multiple occupancy building complexes, and commercial subdivisions in cooperation with the developer or owner, evidenced by a signed agreement and in compliance with the following specific conditions:

- (a) The Cooperative will furnish, install, own, and maintain the entire underground electric distribution system, including the service laterals for new one and two-family residential subdivisions. The agreement with the developer will cover the installation of the primary and/or secondary cable with associated equipment to provide service to the lot line of each lot in the subdivision. Arrangements for service laterals will be made with the party requesting service.
- (b) Prior to the start of construction, the developer or owner shall agree to advance to the Cooperative a Non-refundable contribution-to-aid construction
 1. \$12.00 per foot for both primary and secondary laterals.
 2. \$750.00 per transformer that is not connected to a load that has year-round electrical usage of at least 600 kWh per month.
- (c) The developer or owners must provide for recorded easements or rights-of-way acceptable to the Cooperative. Easements are to be coordinated with other utilities and will include easements for street lighting cable.
- (d) Prior to the start of construction, the developer or owner shall provide a clear right-of-way and establish grades in the easement right-of-way, which shall be not more than 4

inches above or below the finished grade and shall remove all trees, stumps, or other obstructions within, on or about the right-of-way for the installation of the system. Prior to construction, the developer or owners shall mark all lot corners and right-of-way routes as requested by the Cooperative.

- (e) The trenches for primary and/or secondary cables may be occupied jointly by facilities of the Cooperative and other utilities where satisfactory arrangements exist between the Cooperative and the other utilities.
- (f) The developer or owner will be responsible for all costs of relocating Cooperative facilities to accommodate changes in grade or other changes after the underground facilities have been installed and also responsible for any damage to Cooperative facilities caused by his operation or the operations of his contractors. The cost involved will include overheads and the cost for relocation or rearrangement of facilities, whether specifically requested by the developer or owner or due to the facilities becoming endangered by a change in grade as determined by the Cooperative.

4.3 CONSTRUCTION OBSTACLES

The Cooperative reserves the right to refuse to install facilities underground in cases where, in the Cooperative's opinion, such construction is technically not feasible or will present a potential detriment of service to other members.

4.4 REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD FACILITIES

Existing overhead electric distribution service lines shall, at the request of an applicant(s), be replaced with underground facilities where, in the opinion of the Cooperative, such replacement will not be detrimental to the electric service for other members.

Prior to the start of construction, the applicant(s) shall agree to advance to the Cooperative a Non-refundable contribution-to-aid construction for a 100% of the total cost of labor and overhead.

5.0 MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL POLICIES

Except where specifically designated as overhead or underground construction policies, the following general policies will be applied to either overhead or underground construction.

5.1 EASEMENTS AND PERMITS

Where suitable easements do not exist, the Cooperative will provide the necessary easement forms and solicit their execution. The applicant(s), as a condition of service, will be ultimately responsible for obtaining all easements and permits, as required by the Cooperative, for the construction, operation, maintenance, and protection of the facilities to be constructed.

Where State or Federal lands are to be crossed to extend service to an applicant or group of applicants, the additional costs incurred by the Cooperative for rights-of-way and permit fees shall be borne by the applicant(s).

5.2 RELOCATION OF FACILITIES

- (a) The Cooperative will cooperate with political subdivisions to construct, improve, or rehabilitate public streets and highways. The Cooperative is expected to receive reasonable notice so that any required relocation work can be scheduled appropriately.
- (b) If the Cooperative's poles, anchors, or other appurtenances are located within the confines of the public right-of-way, the Cooperative will make the necessary relocation at its own expense with exceptions:
 - 1. The facilities were originally installed within the confines of the public right-of-way and approved by the proper authority.
 - 2. Existing facilities being within the confines of a new public right-of-way obtained after the construction of the Cooperative's facilities.
 - 3. The facilities provide public services such as lighting, traffic signals, etc.
- (c) If the Cooperative's poles, anchors, or other appurtenances are located on private property, the Political subdivision must agree in advance to reimburse the Cooperative for any expenses involved in relocating its facilities.
- (d) When the Cooperative is requested to relocate its facilities for reasons other than road improvements, any expense involved will be paid for by the firm person or persons requesting the relocation unless one or more of the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The relocation is made for the convenience of the Cooperative.

2. The relocation is associated with other regularly scheduled conversion or construction work at the same location and can be done simultaneously.
- (e) Before actual relocation work is performed under Paragraphs (c) and (d) above, the cooperative will estimate the cost of moving the poles, anchors, or other appurtenances, and an advance deposit in the amount of the estimate must be received from the firm person or persons requesting such relocation. Upon completion of relocation work, the Cooperative will determine the actual costs of the relocation, and the firm person or persons requesting the relocation will be billed or credited for the difference between the advance deposit and the actual costs.

5.3 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES

The construction schedule shall be done on a mutually agreeable basis to the Cooperative and the applicant. The Cooperative reserves the right not to begin construction until the member has demonstrated to the Cooperative's satisfaction their intent to proceed in good faith with the installation of his facilities by acquiring property ownership, obtaining all necessary permits and/or, in the case of mobile homes, meeting the Cooperative's requirements for permanency.

5.4 BILLING

For member(s) who fail to take service ninety (90) days after an extension has been completed to the premises and within the time period requested by the member(s), the Cooperative shall commence billing the member under the Cooperative's applicable rates and rules for the type of service requested by the member(s).

5.5 MEMBER-OWNED POLE INSTALLATION

The Cooperative will supply and install poles (yard poles) as requested by members. Members will assume ownership and maintenance cost responsibility for these poles upon completion of installation by the cooperative. The cost for a typical 35' Class 4 pole and installation is \$1,100. The cost for installation of a guy wire and anchor as required is \$250.