

OKEFENOKE RURAL ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 410

GENERAL LINE EXTENSION

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish policy to provide for extension of electric service facilities.

II. CONTENT:

A. Overhead Line Extensions

1. Permanent Residences

The Cooperative shall extend single-phase, overhead electric service facilities to all permanent residences in the area served by the Cooperative at the regularly established rates in accordance with Schedule A of Policy No. 409. Necessary right-of-way easements must be secured at no cost to the Cooperative. A permanent residence is defined as one, which will be the member's principal dwelling and occupied the majority of the year.

A mobile home shall be considered a permanent residence provided that it has a separate, individually utilized water and septic system and is the member's principal dwelling and occupied the majority of the year. A mobile home utilizing public or community water and septic systems shall qualify as a permanent residence provided that it is the member's principal dwelling and occupied the majority of the year.

2. Commercial, Industrial, Public Buildings and Installations

Single-phase, overhead electric service facilities shall be extended to commercial/industrial or public buildings at the regularly established rates in accordance with Schedule A of Policy No. 409. Necessary right-of-way easements must be secured at no cost to the Cooperative.

3. Other Permanent Installations

Single phase, overhead electric service shall be extended to all other installations not included in Section II.A.1 or II.A.2 of this Policy in accordance with Schedule B of Policy No. 409. Necessary right-of-way easements must be secured at no cost to the Cooperative.

4. Residential Developments (Overhead)

Single phase, overhead electric service shall be extended to residential developments in the area served by the Cooperative in accordance with Schedule A of Policy No. 409. A recorded utility easement is required prior to construction of any facilities.

5. Outdoor Lighting

Outdoor lighting will be installed on existing poles subject to payment of the Outdoor Lighting Fixture Installation Fee as specified in Policy 409. In cases where a wooden pole must be installed to mount the light, a contribution in aid of construction shall be required as specified by the Outdoor Lighting Pole Installation Fee in Policy No. 409. If the member requests installation of special types of poles not addressed in Policy No. 409, the member shall be responsible for the full cost of such special poles. Should the member request relocation of outdoor lighting fixtures and/or poles, the Security Light Relocation Fees in Policy No. 409 will be applied. The Security Light Relocation Fees will also be applied for the installation of a new light if the member has requested the removal of outdoor lighting at the same general location in the previous twelve months. Primary line extensions shall not be built to serve outdoor lighting without a contribution in aid of construction for the full cost of the extension. No outdoor lighting shall be installed on rental property except in the property owners' name.

B. Underground Line Extensions

Underground electric service shall be available under the following terms and conditions:

1. Residential Services

For individually constructed new permanent residences where no primary construction is required, the Cooperative will extend single-phase, 120/140 Volt electric service facilities at the regularly established rates upon payment of Underground Service Lateral Fee as specified in Policy No. 409. The member or the member's electrical contractor shall be required to install conduit from point of source to member's meter base as specified by OREMC.

In addition to the above, extensions that require underground primary construction shall require a contribution in aid of construction in accordance with Schedule C of Policy No. 409. If deemed necessary by the Cooperative, the member or the member's contractor shall be required to install conduit for the primary conductor to the Cooperative's specifications.

2. Commercial, Industrial, Public Buildings and Installations

Single-phase, 120/240 Volt underground electric service facilities shall be extended to commercial/industrial or public buildings at the regularly established rates upon payment of the appropriate Underground Service Lateral Fee as specified in Policy No. 409. The member or the member's electrical contractor shall be required to install conduit from point of source to member's meter base as specified by OREMC.

In addition to the above, extensions that require underground primary construction shall require a contribution in aid of construction in accordance with Schedule C of Policy No. 409. If deemed necessary by the Cooperative, the member or the member's contractor shall be required to install conduit for the primary conductor to the Cooperative's specifications.

3. Other Permanent Installations

Single-phase, 120/240 Volt underground electric service facilities shall be extended to all other installations not included in Sections II.B.1 or II.B.2 of this policy as follows. Where no primary construction is required, the Cooperative will extend Single-phase, 120/240 Volt underground electric service facilities to these installations at the regularly established rates upon payment of Underground Service Lateral Fees as specified in Policy No. 409. The member or the member's electrical contractor shall be required to install conduit from point of source to member's meter base as specified by OREMC.

In addition to the above, extensions that require underground primary construction shall require a contribution in aid of construction in accordance with Schedule C of Policy No. 409. If deemed necessary by the Cooperative, the member or the member's contractor shall be required to install conduit for the primary conductor to the Cooperative's specifications.

4. Residential Developments (Underground)

For new residential developments requiring underground electrical service, the developer shall be required to install a total conduit system. The OREMC engineering department shall design the conduit system, and the developer's contractor shall install the conduit system in accordance with OREMC's design and specifications. A recorded utility easement will be required. The developer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance with any required National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permits.

The manual, "Procedures, Standards, and Specifications for the Installation of Underground electrical Facilities for Residential/Commercial Developers" will be made available to the developer. This document outlines the process and procedures the developer must follow for the proper installation of the conduit system.

The developer shall be required to pay in advance of construction, a non-refundable contribution in aid of construction in accordance with Schedule C of Policy No. 409. Underground service lateral fees and temporary service fees will be required as appropriate for each service within the development.

In addition to the per-foot charges for underground primary conductor outlined in Schedule C of Policy No. 409, the developer will be required to submit a non-refundable Special Equipment Fee equal to the installed cost of all special equipment (transformers, switchgear or sectionalizing equipment) to be installed in the development.

5. Outdoor Lighting

Underground service to outdoor lighting will be installed at the Cooperative's discretion. If the lighting is to be installed on an existing overhead pole deemed by the Cooperative to be in a suitable location, the lighting will be installed upon payment of the Outdoor Lighting Fixture Installation Fee specified in Policy No. 409. In cases where a pole must be installed to mount the light, a contribution in aid of construction shall be required as specified by the Outdoor Lighting Pole Installation Fee in Policy No. 409. In instances where the member requests the installation of outdoor lighting at a location other than immediately adjacent to Cooperative equipment to supply the light, a contribution in aid of construction shall be required as specified by the Outdoor Lighting Underground Service Fee in Policy No. 409.

The member or the member's contractor shall be required to install conduit for the underground service conductor to the Cooperative's specifications. If the member requests installation of special types of poles not addressed in Policy No. 409, the member shall be responsible for the full cost of such special poles. Should the member request relocation of outdoor lighting fixtures and/or poles, the Security Light Relocation Fees in Policy No. 409 will be applied. The Security Light Relocation Fees will also be applied for the installation of a new light if the member has requested the removal of outdoor lighting at the same general location in the previous twelve months.

Primary line extensions shall not be built to serve outdoor lighting without a contribution in aid of construction for the full cost of the extension. No outdoor lighting shall be installed on rental property except in property owners' name.

6. Conversion of Overhead to Underground

Members requesting conversion of existing overhead electric facilities to underground distribution facilities shall be responsible for all costs associated with the conversion, including cost of removal for the overhead facilities and the cost of construction for the new underground facilities.

7. Cumberland Island

Members requesting electric service on Cumberland Island shall be required to make a contribution in aid of construction from point of source to point of service as determined by actual construction costs. Prior to construction by the Cooperative the member shall make payment to the Cooperative of the estimated construction cost as determined by the Cumberland Island Line Extension Fee as specified in Policy 409.

Upon close-out of the construction work order, any contribution in aid of construction paid in excess of actual construction costs shall be refunded to the member.

In addition to the foregoing requirements, the following requirements shall also apply to any underground line extension:

1. Underground electric service will not be provided in established wetland areas except where as the consumer and or developer provides a total conduit system according to OREMC specifications.
2. All underground services shall require installation by the consumer of a conduit system from point of source to point of service according to OREMC specifications.
3. The owner or developer shall provide, without cost to the Cooperative clear (free of stumps, debris, and other obstructions) easements and rights-of-way, suitable for the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground facilities. The owner or developer will be required to have the rights-of-way and all streets, alleys, sidewalks, and driveway entrances graded to final grade, and will have lot lines established before construction of the electrical distribution system begins.
4. The Cooperative shall determine the preferred method of service based on good engineering design, applicable construction codes and specifications, economics, and other pertinent factors. If the preferred method of service is not acceptable, the member will be required to pay a contribution in aid of construction equal to the estimated additional cost to provide service by the non-preferred method.
5. The owner or developer will reimburse the Cooperative for the cost of cutting through and replacing pavement within the development, and all costs of punching and/or boring.
6. If underground facilities are desired, it shall be the responsibility of the owner/developer to provide all necessary protection for items including, but not limited to: shrubs, trees, grass sod, irrigation, water and septic systems during installation and/or maintenance of underground facilities. The owner or developer will hold the Cooperative and/or its subcontractors harmless against any claims of such damage. Plants, shrubs and trees shall not be planted any closer than ten feet from the front, or five feet from the side or rear of any electrical equipment, transformer, junction boxes, etc. It will be the responsibility of the owner or developer to re-seed and/or maintain the trench cover.

C. Three Phase Service

The Cooperative will not normally extend three-phase service to installations that can be adequately served by single-phase service. Exceptions may be made where the installation is in close proximity to existing multi-phase lines. In such cases where no primary construction is required, the Cooperative will make available three phase service facilities at the regularly established rates upon payment of the appropriate Overhead or Underground Service Lateral Fee as specified in Policy No. 409.

For overhead three phase service 400 Amp or less, this fee includes the service conductor. For overhead three phase service in excess of 400 Amp, a feasibility study will be performed by the Cooperative to determine the amount of the Three Phase Overhead Lateral Fee.

For 200 ampere, three phase underground service, the Three Phase Service Lateral Fee includes the service conductor, with the member providing and installing the service conduit to Cooperative specifications. For three phase underground services in excess of 200 ampere, the member shall provide, install, and maintain the service conduit and conductor to Cooperative specifications.

For installations requiring three phase service at a distance from multi-phase lines, a feasibility study will be done by the Cooperative to determine the amount of contribution in aid of construction required.

If the proposed construction is consistent with long range system planning, the required contribution may be mitigated.

D. Temporary Services

1. Overhead Temporary for Construction

Temporary service of 120/240 volts, single-phase, will be furnished for construction upon payment of the Temporary Service Fee as specified in Policy No. 409, provided that permanent service is to be furnished by the Cooperative. In addition to the above, extensions that require primary construction shall require a contribution in aid of construction in accordance with Schedule A or Schedule B or Policy No. 409. The member applying for temporary service shall be required to furnish and install temporary service equipment conforming to the Cooperative's wiring standards and shall be installed at a location approved by the Cooperative.

2. Underground Temporary for Construction

Temporary service of 120/240 volts, single-phase, will be furnished for construction in areas where the Cooperative has underground facilities in place or the permanent service will be underground. Such installation shall require payment of the Temporary Service Fee specified in Policy No. 409, provided that permanent service is to be furnished by the Cooperative. In addition to the above, extensions that require primary construction shall require a contribution in aid of construction in accordance with Schedule A, Schedule B, or Schedule C of Policy No. 409. The temporary service equipment must be located immediately adjacent to the pad-mount transformer or secondary junction box provided by the Cooperative. Temporary service equipment shall conform to the Cooperative's wiring standards and shall be installed at a location approved by the Cooperative.

3. Service to Temporary Loads

Service will be extended to temporary loads upon receipt of a contribution in aid of construction equal to twice the estimated construction cost to provide the service.

E. Contributions In Aid Of Construction

Any required contribution in aid of construction shall be paid prior to construction of facilities.

If determined to be in the best interest of the Cooperative, contributions in aid of construction may be modified or waived upon approval of the Cooperative's General Manager or his designee.

Special consideration may be given to members who pay aid in construction charges when other members may be reasonably expected to take service from the line extension.

F. Facilities Extension Ownership

All line extensions, service wire and connections, no matter who pays or contributes toward paying the cost thereof, are to be made by the Cooperative and remain the property of the Cooperative. The Cooperative shall not be required to serve any consumer over a line built, owned, operated, or maintained by the member or a third party.

All property of the Cooperative placed in or upon the member's premises, used in supplying service to the member, is placed there under the member's protection. The cost for any loss or damage to such property, normal wear and tear excepted, shall be payable by the member.

The Cooperative shall have access to such property at all reasonable times. The member shall not commit or cause or permit any act that will or may result in damage to or loss of such property or in the loss of life or injury to any person, or the loss of or damage to any property, in relation to such property.

III. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all members and applicants for service of the Cooperative.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

The General Manager or his designee will be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this policy.

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