

## **Board Policy No. 612**

### **SUBJECT: Underground Line Extension**

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#### **I. PURPOSE**

To establish the rules under which underground electric service will be extended to members of the cooperative while maintaining compliance with the Retail Electric Supplier Unincorporated Area Certified Territorial Act and CFC Loan Contract and Mortgage.

#### **II. CONTENT AND PROVISIONS**

##### **A. Primary Underground Line Extensions (single-phase):**

1. All primary underground line construction shall be billed at the rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per foot and the member must purchase a padmount transformer vault from the cooperative. The advance construction payment shall also include all right-of-way costs from crossing State lands, PennDot rights-of-way and any other fees or payments paid to others. Additional costs may be added for locations requiring rental equipment or contracted services. Additional costs may be added for changes to the electric system to accommodate the line extension. The member shall also be responsible for the cost of recording of the underground easement. A Primary Underground Service Agreement shall be completed by the member and the Chief Executive Officer. Annual permit fees will be added to the member's monthly bill.
2. The member shall be responsible for all excavation, backfill, grading and seeding in addition to installing the padmount transformer vault purchased from the cooperative.
3. Depending upon the individual circumstances, the member may be required to provide a transformer for load over 750 KVA or for unique voltages.
4. The member will be responsible for correcting any power quality issues they create at their cost.

B. Secondary Underground Line Extensions (single-phase):

For secondary underground line extensions, the member shall be responsible for all excavation, backfill, grading and seeding in addition to supplying conduit for installation. The member shall also be responsible for the cost of recording of the underground easement.

1. If the secondary underground line extension is (a) not a part of an overhead primary line extension or (b) the total extension including both overhead primary and underground secondary is under five hundred (500) feet, the following policy shall apply:

A secondary underground line extension under seventy-five (75) feet is installed at no cost to the member. For all footage over seventy-five (75) feet the charge shall be \$1.75 per foot for 4/0 wire and \$3.00 per foot for 350 MCM wire.

2. If the secondary underground line extension is part of an overhead primary line extension and the total extension including both overhead primary and underground secondary is over five hundred (500) feet, the following policy shall apply:

The total footage including both overhead primary and underground secondary shall be added together and used in calculating the advance construction payment as described in Board Policy 611, Overhead Line Extension Charges.

3. If the secondary line extension is part of a primary underground line extension, the following policy shall apply:

The installation and cost of the secondary underground line extension shall be included in the Primary Underground Line Extension as described in II.A. above.

C. Right-of-ways:

The cooperative will make every reasonable attempt to obtain the right-of-ways required to extend service to the new consumer at no cost to the cooperative.

1. Consistent with the Bylaws, the Board may elect to terminate an existing consumer's membership and electrical service for refusing to grant a right-of-way at no cost on property owned by that consumer.
  2. The Board may decide to transfer the right of condemnation to the new consumer if a right-of-way cannot be obtained at no cost from a landowner.
- D. Effective date: The provisions of this policy shall not apply to any line extension agreements made between the cooperative and any members prior to the effective date of this policy.

#### IV. **RESPONSIBILITY**

It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer to administer this policy.

- V. This policy shall become effective July 1, 1991 and shall supersede and cancel all other policies which relate to the subject matter herein and which may be in conflict herewith.

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