

**RULES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE**  
**RULE 3 - EXTENSION OF SERVICE**

**A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

(1) A line extension is any construction beyond the normal service facilities (which include the service extension to the customer, transformers, transformer devices, service drop and meter) to extend the distribution system along the normal route of development of the distribution system to the point where the extension departs from the normal route development and is being installed as a service extension solely for the customer. The distribution system is defined, for the purposes of this rule, as including all lines energized at voltages less than the nominal 69,000 volts and excluding service extensions and lines energized at voltages of nominal 69,000 volts or higher. The Company constructs line extensions from the nearest suitable and available distribution line to supply new customers, or to change the supply to existing customers, under Company's standard rate schedules subject to the provisions of this rule. However, the estimated cost of facilities subject to annual charges under Rule 4 or customer contributions-in-aid-of-construction (CIAC) are not subject to the provisions of this rule. **(C)**

(2) All provisions of these rules and of the applicable rate schedule, including any provisions relating to net and gross payments, apply to service supplied and charges made under this rule except as specifically provided herein.

(3) The length of a line extension is the total length of new pole line installed by the Company to the property line of the customers served from that extension, plus the length of any line installed on existing poles where the existing facilities are unsuitable.

(4) The Company requires, before construction, that:

- (a) Customers supplied from a line extension for which an annual guarantee is required, sign contracts acceptable to the Company with an initial term of not more than five years. A contract may be canceled at the request of the customer before the end of the initial term by immediately fulfilling all contract obligations for the remainder of the initial term.
- (b) Customers install wiring and other facilities necessary to use the Company's service.
- (c) Satisfactory right-of-way and other necessary permits are granted to Company to construct the line extension along the route selected by the Company.
- (d) Customer agrees to pay to the Company any initial and recurring right-of-way rental fees in excess of a nominal amount that are incurred by the Company in constructing and maintaining the line extension.

**B. LINE EXTENSIONS**

(1) The Company requires a minimum distribution revenue guarantee for installation of any length of single phase line extension in excess of 2,500 ft. along the normal route of development of the distribution system, and for installation of all multi-phase line extensions. The guarantee period is 5 years or less.

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**B. LINE EXTENSIONS (Continued)**

(2) Minimum distribution revenue guarantees for single phase extensions are based only on the estimated contractor costs, if any, and the estimated direct labor costs and estimated direct material costs attributable to construction of the line extension beyond 2,500 ft. Guarantees for multi-phase extensions are based on estimated fully allocated costs, and are credited with the equivalent single phase length allowance for up to 2,500 ft. of new pole line along the normal route of development of the distribution system.

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(3) Any length of line extension on, or through, restricted lands is excluded from the single phase length allowance and is subject to a line extension guarantee.

(4) The estimated excess cost of construction other than would normally be required for installation of the line extension, is paid by the customer prior to installation.

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**C. SPECULATIVE LINE EXTENSIONS**

(1) A line extension is speculative when, in the Company's judgment, the continued future use of the facilities by any customer is uncertain.

(2) The Company requires a minimum distribution revenue guarantee for speculative line extensions equal to the Company's estimated fully allocated installation and removal costs, less salvage, with no length allowance. Prior to construction, the Company may require from the customer a surety bond, or other security acceptable to Company, in the amount of the guarantee in addition to any deposit required to secure payment of service bills.

(3) Distribution revenue guarantees for speculative line extensions include service extension facilities, as well as distribution line facilities.

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**D. EXTENSIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL SERVICE**

All service extensions off the Company's distribution system to serve individual customers are installed under Tariff Rule 4.

**E. LINE EXTENSIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT AREAS**

The Company constructs line extensions to supply service to customers in residential, commercial or industrial developments in specific areas, with annual guarantees determined in accordance with Section B or C hereof, based on the number of customers which the Company knows are to be served in the development within two years from initial construction. The developer (or property owner) provides, without charge to the Company, right-of-way for lines and equipment which is suitable in the opinion of the Company for the installation of Company facilities throughout the development.

Suitable right-of-way includes, but is not limited to, providing ground line clearing of trees, brush and other obstructions, rough grading, and access by mechanical construction equipment.

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**F. ANNUAL GUARANTEE**

(1) The total guarantee for a line extension is divided among the customers to be supplied initially from the line extension to determine the total amount to be guaranteed per customer which is then divided by the number of years in the initial term of the contract to determine the customer's annual guarantee. A customer may assume more than a pro rata share of the guarantee for the line extension.

(2) The Company reserves the right to determine the guarantee of a customer on the proportionate length of the line extension used in common with other customers plus the additional length required to serve the individual customer.

(3) Each customer agrees that when the net service bills rendered during the period from the start of the initial term of the contract to the end of the current year total less than the sum of the customer's annual guarantee over that period, then the difference becomes due and payable.

The customer may elect to make a one-time payment to the Company in lieu of annual differential billings during the period of the guarantee. The payment, which will be equal to the total amount of the guarantee, will be subject to partial refunds each year based upon the actual amount of the customer's distribution service billings.

**G. TEMPORARY SERVICE**

The Company supplies temporary service in accordance with the provisions of Rule 7.

**H. REAPPORTIONMENT AND WAIVER OF LINE EXTENSION GUARANTEE**

(1) When additional customers are connected to an existing or additional line extension, the remaining total amount to be guaranteed for the existing line extension is reapportioned for all customers including the new customers, providing such reapportionment does not increase the guarantees of the existing customers. Otherwise, the additional line extension is considered as a new line extension.

(2) When the accumulated distribution revenue from the start of the initial term of contract equals the total amount to be guaranteed by the customer, service is supplied without the application of the annual guarantee determined under this rule.

**I. TAXES ON CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION AND CUSTOMER ADVANCES**

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Any distribution service-related CIAC, customer advance or other like amounts received from the customer which shall constitute taxable income as defined by the Internal Revenue Service will have the income taxes segregated in a deferred account for inclusion in rate base in a future rate case proceeding. Such income taxes associated with a CIAC or customer advance will not be charged to the specific contributor of the capital.