

CULLMAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
OPERATIONS POLICIES

Subject: Line Extension for Owner Occupied Residential **Policy No: 403-A**

Responsibility: Chief Executive Officer

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The Purpose of this policy is to define the obligations of members seeking a new residential service that requires the extension of the Cooperatives distribution lines. Members may be subject to a non-refundable aid to construction charge based upon the length and the type of service requested.

(A) Definitions

1. **Residential Structure:** A Residential Structure is defined as a structure whose primary purpose is to provide shelter for one or more people. In order to be considered a residential structure, such structure must include the following living facilities: A bathroom which is connected to a Health Department approved septic system or sewage system and a water source; a kitchen and a functioning hot water heater which is connected to a water source; and a functioning stove and refrigerator.
2. **Residential Mobile Home:** A factory-assembled structure or structures equipped with the necessary connections designed to be used as a dwelling unit(s) without a permanent foundation. A Residential Mobile Home shall be considered a Residential Structure if it is located on property owned by the member requesting service and is intended for occupancy by that member. Mobile homes intended for rental to third parties are not Residential Mobile Homes.
3. **Temporary Structures.** Travel trailers, RV's and campers are considered temporary in nature and are not residences under this policy.

(B) Single Phase Service (Residential)

1. Each member requesting single phase service to a new Residential Structure, as defined above, shall be eligible for 400 linear feet of overhead line extension or 260 linear feet of underground extension, or a combination of the two, at no charge to them. Should the member request a combination of overhead and underground the

total line extension allowance shall not exceed the cost of a 400 linear foot overhead extension. All costs beyond the allowance provided herein shall be paid by the requesting member based upon cost estimates provided by the Cooperative.

2. For an overhead extension beyond 400 feet, the member shall be charged at the rate of \$13.00 per linear foot. For an underground extension beyond 260 feet, the member shall be charged at the rate of \$20.00 per linear foot. The **Cost Per Foot or CPF** values will be calculated for overhead and underground installations based on the cost of closed work orders and is subject to change.
3. In determining the distance from the existing line to the member's metering point, current engineering standards and electrical codes shall prevail.

(D) Multiple Applications for Service

When two or more qualifying applications for electrical service are received which result in the construction of all, or a portion of, the same facilities, the cost for the shared portion of the line extension shall be divided between the applying members and the applying members allowances shall be combined.

(E) Method of Payment

All aid-to construction charges are to be paid in advance of any construction or relocation of facilities unless other arrangements are made to insure payment.

(F) Rights-of-Way and Easements

1. The applying member will be responsible for securing all written easements from other property owners to provide service and shall also be responsible for clearing the right of way.

Unless specified otherwise in a written agreement between the cooperative and the owner, the operation and maintenance of all facilities beyond the cooperative's metering point is the total responsibility of the owner.

Board Approval: 
Robert Tidwell, Chairperson

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