

BLACHLY-LANE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Procedure 2405

Section: Operations/Engineering

Subject: Line Extensions

I. OBJECTIVE

This procedure provides for the construction of line extensions, or other construction, to serve member loads and to recover the associated costs from the member receiving the new service or service upgrade.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Members requesting a line extension or a service upgrade from BLEC will be responsible for 100% of any costs related to providing the line extension.

B. Members requesting a line extension or a service upgrade to a permanent structure must pay BLEC for the estimated cost of the line extension before BLEC orders materials or begins construction. "Member" includes applicants for service who may not be a member yet. After completion of construction, BLEC will either bill the member for any costs in excess of the estimate or refund to the member any payments made by the member that exceed the final cost of construction.

C. In the case of a request for power of a temporary nature, the member must pay BLEC for the estimated cost of temporary construction and the dismantling of such temporary construction before BLEC orders materials or begins construction.

III. EXPECTATIONS

A. Members will be required to sign a Line Extension Proposal and Contract in order to receive a line extension estimate.

B. If the member cancels the work order or terminates the Line Extension Proposal and Contract prior to completion of the work, BLEC will refund or credit any unexpended portions of the member's payment with the exception of the cost of orders for any specialized equipment or materials.

C. As a condition of receiving service, BLEC shall require that the member, if required, grant BLEC a right-of-way easement, including the right to manage vegetation in accordance with BLEC's standards, or an acceptable public utility easement for the property to be served. The member shall pay any regulatory permitting fees (ODOT and/or state crossing permits, for example); any recurring and/or annual fees (e.g., Railroad Permits); and any recurring fee commitments which are notarized and recorded with property information. At BLEC's discretion, any of the foregoing fees may be monetized (the member pays the net present value of the annual fees as part of the line extension cost).

IV. LIMITATIONS

- A. BLEC will not energize any service until the service has been inspected and approved by the appropriate governmental electrical inspector or a letter of approval has been provided by a Supervising Electrician.
- B. BLEC will construct, own, operate, and maintain lines only along public streets, roads, highways, and on private or publicly-owned property over which it has the legal right to do so.
- C. BLEC is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the primary (high voltage lines to the transformer) conductors, equipment, and the secondary (low voltage lines from the transformer to the weather head). Without the express consent of BLEC's Operations Manager, consumers and contractors will not be permitted to construct, trench, or provide their own materials for line extensions or service relocations.
- D. Members who do not have an approved plot plan, who cannot provide load information, or who present requests for a Line Extension Proposal and Contract that BLEC deems to be speculative in nature, such as prospective property buyers, must agree in writing to pay for all costs incurred by BLEC for preparing a cost estimate. These members must pay BLEC \$200 before BLEC will begin work on the estimate, and must pay the balance of such costs prior to receiving the final Line Extension Proposal and Contract. If the parties sign a contract and BLEC begins construction within ninety (90) days of the date of such contract, the costs incurred by BLEC in preparing the cost estimate will be credited to the member's CIAC payment.

V. RESPONSIBILITY

The administration of this procedure is the responsibility of the General Manager.

APPROVED by



General Manager

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