

**CITY OF VERNON**  
**UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**RULES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE**

**Rule No. 15: LINE EXTENSIONS**

**A. General.** The City will construct, own, operate and maintain Distribution Lines only along public streets, roads and highways which the City has the legal right to occupy, and on public lands and private property across which rights of way or easements satisfactory to the City may be obtained at the Customer's cost and without cost or condemnation by the City. Upon request by the City, the applicant shall provide such rights of way or easements.

Line Extensions of standard Nominal Voltages for distribution of 16.5 kV or less (see section B of Rule No. 2) necessary to furnish permanent electric service to applicants will be made by the City in accordance with the provisions of this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the extension of transmission facilities for standard Nominal Voltages in excess of 16.5 kV unless the City desires to extend such facilities for the City's operating necessity.

**B. Overhead Line Extensions.**

1. Free Footage Allowances. Overhead Line Extensions will be made by the City at its own expense provided the length of line required does not exceed the free length as determined from the allowances given in Table 15-1.

Table 15-1

For lighting load, per kW connected	125 feet
For permanently installed cooking or heating load, per kW	75 feet
For air conditioning load per hp connected	50 feet
For motors of 1 hp or more, per hp connected	50 feet
For street lighting requiring pole line extensions, per 1,000 lumens	25 feet

2. Conditions.

- a. **Length and Location of Line.** The length of line required for a Line Extension will be considered as the distance along the shortest practical route, as determined by the City, from the City's nearest permanent Distribution Line pole to the pole from which the service connection is to be installed.
- b. **Special Facilities.** Under this Rule the City will install only those facilities which it deems necessary to render service in accordance with the Rate Schedules. Where the applicant requests facilities which are in addition to, or in substitution for, the standard facilities which the City normally would install, the extra cost thereof shall be paid in advance by the applicant.

3. Extensions Beyond the Free Length.

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 Resolution No. 1030 Effective 06/15/95

- a. Overhead Line Extensions of greater length than the free extension, as specified in Table 15-1, will be made provided the applicant for service makes a nonrefundable payment to the City for the estimated line and installation costs in excess of the free length. Such Distribution Lines will be owned, operated and maintained by the City.
- b. When more than one applicant is to be served from the same Line Extension, the total free length will be the sum of the free allowances for each applicant as specified in Table 15-1. The total payment required from the group of applicants will be apportioned among the members of the group in such manner as they may mutually agree.

**C. Underground Line Extensions.**

- 1. General. Underground Line Extensions will be made only when mutually agreed upon by the City and the applicant, except in those areas where the City maintains or desires to maintain underground distribution facilities for the City's Operating Necessity or in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, or similar requirements of public authorities. Underground Distribution Lines will be owned and maintained by the City.
- 2. City-Installed Line Extensions.
  - a. Normally underground Line Extensions will be installed by the City; provided that the applicant shall pay in advance a nonrefundable sum equal to the estimated cost of the underground Line Extension.
  - b. Underground service facilities will be installed and maintained in accordance with Rule No. 16.
- 3. Applicant-Installed Line Extensions.
  - a. When mutually agreed upon by the City and the applicant, that portion of the underground Line Extension consisting of the duct system (including conduits, ducts, manholes and vaults) may be installed by the applicant in accordance with the City's specifications.
  - b. Upon acceptance by the City, applicant will transfer ownership of such duct system to the City. Applicant shall obtain necessary permits and specifications from the City prior to starting construction.
  - c. Any additional underground distribution facilities necessary to complete the Line Extension will be installed by the City at applicant's expense.
  - d. Underground service facilities will be installed and maintained as provided in Rule No. 16.
- 4. Replacement of Overhead with Underground Distribution Facilities. When mutually agreed upon by the City and a Customer or applicant, overhead distribution facilities may be replaced with underground distribution facilities, provided the Customer or applicant

requesting the change pays, in advance, a nonrefundable sum equal to the estimated cost of such facilities.

**D. Special Conditions.**

1. Temporary Service Line. Line Extensions for Temporary Service will not be made under this rule, but will be made in accordance with Rule No. 13.
2. Exceptional Cases. In unusual circumstances, when the application of these rules appears impractical or unjust to either party, or in the case of the extension of transmission facilities, the City or the applicant shall refer the matter to the City Council for special ruling or for the approval of special conditions which may be mutually agreed upon, prior to commencing construction.