



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Mital, Simpson, Helgeson, Manning and Brown
FROM: Mel Damewood III, Engineering Manager,
Mark Oberle, Electric Distribution Supervisor
DATE: March 20, 2015
SUBJECT: Updated Temporary Electric Service Charges
OBJECTIVE: Consent Calendar Board Action

Issue

Fees for Temporary Electric Service need to be updated to reflect current costs.

Background

Temporary electric service is frequently requested by developers, home owners and other customers to provide short-duration power, less than 12 month, to construction sites, holiday tree lots and other sites. To facilitate a quicker response, costs have been averaged so each customer pays the same fee for service 150 feet or less than from EWEB's electric distribution system plus a per foot cost for those services over 150 feet. This allows the request to be processed quickly by avoiding the staff time necessary to prepare individual cost estimates for each request.

Discussion

The temporary electric service fees have not been recalculated in over a decade. As a result, the charges management is currently assessing are significantly less than actual costs. Costs include materials that are not reusable, staff time to drive to the site, setup, install service wire, make connections, set the meter, vehicle/equipment charges and to return to the site when the customer is finished to remove the service and pull the meter. This practice is consistent with the Board directive that guides staff to ensure that ratepayers are not subsidizing development.

Average costs have increased from \$155 for the standard Temporary Electric Service to \$280 for the same. Additional per foot cost for those services over 150 went from \$1.35 to \$3.58.

TBL Assessment

A Total Bottom Line Assessment was not conducted because no alternative options have been developed to compare against. Instead, a review of all of the cost related elements discussed above was conducted to ensure compliance with the no subsidization directive.

Recommendation

Management recommends approval of the updated Temporary Electric Service charge of \$280 and the additional footage charge of \$3.58. Electric Service Charges and Rates, E-V and All Utilities, Section U-II will be updated to reflect those changes in updated Customer Service Policies and Procedures.

Requested Board Action

Management recommends approval of this item on the Consent Calendar.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1509
APRIL 2015**

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISION TO
ELECTRIC UTILITY POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) periodically reviews, revises and updates Customer Service policies and procedures - All Utilities, Electric and Water policies for consistency, legality, correctness and to reflect actual practices evolving as continual improvement;

WHEREAS, The Customer Service policies and procedures - having been reviewed and presented at the April 7th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and revised as follows:

G. Electric Service Charges and Rates, E-V: Revision of fee for Temporary Electric Service Installation Charges

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| 1. Temporary Service (150 feet or less) | \$280.00. |
| 2. Temporary Service Conductor (over 150 feet) | \$3.58/ft |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eugene Water & Electric Board does hereby resolve to adopt the revisions and reflect those rates in updated Customer Service Policies and Procedures – Electric Policies E-V and All Utilities U-II as so revised, effective May 1, 2015.

DATED this 7th day of April, 2015.

THE CITY OF EUGENE, OREGON
Acting by and through the
Eugene Water & Electric Board

President

I, TARYN M JOHNSON, the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Assistant Secretary of the Eugene Water & Electric Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board at its April 7th 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Assistant Secretary