## MEMORANDUM



### EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD



TO: Commissioners Helgeson, Brown, Mital, Simpson and Carlson

FROM: Rod Price, Chief Electric Engineering & Operations Officer and Richard Fatooh,

Interim Supervisor, Distribution Engineering Dept.

DATE: November 13, 2017

SUBJECT: Electric Policy Revision- Resolution No. 1729

OBJECTIVE: Board Action

#### Issue

EWEB Electric Operations field staff (troubleshooters) are making return trips to re-inspect underground service lateral substructure installed by customer/contractor that do not meet EWEB construction standards (EC-5-B.1000). The multiple trips are creating scheduling inefficiencies as well as extra costs due to additional inspections(s).

### **Background**

Last year (June 2016), EWEB had assumed the responsibility of inspecting underground service lateral substructure and conductor installations, a task that would no longer be performed by the City of Eugene. Notifications to the builder/developer/contractor community were sent to communicate the change. Since this time EWEB staff has worked with the community with the positive intention to further educate those who are installing facilities to be owned by EWEB upon connection.

### **Discussion**

Unfortunately, EWEB field staff continues to return to sites that failed inspections and although a majority are properly installed, there are many times where field staff are being rescheduled to return to the same site only to find the substructure is still not installed correctly.

Our staff, Distribution Engineering Technicians, Building and Renovations' Customer Service Analysts, and Electric Operation's troubleshooters, will continue effort to communicate information (Construction Standard) to those that are installing this substructure.

Communication to customers affected will be provided prior to the implementation with several forms of outreach.

### Recommendation

Existing EWEB policy and procedures do not include any means to charge for re-inspections due to incorrect installations. Amending the policy will provide the verbiage to allow EWEB to recuperate costs for return inspections as well as provide a means of deterrence to parties that do not install facilities per our Construction Standards.

### **Requested Board Action**

EWEB staff requests the Board to approve and revise policy per approval and adoption of Resolution No. 1729.

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### V. ELECTRIC SERVICE CHARGES AND PRICES

For charges specific to Water; see Water Service Charges and Prices. For all other charges; see All Utilities Charges and Prices

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<b>A.</b>	Connect/Disconnect of Electric Service at Customers Request for Electrical repairs (per call out)			
	(Resol	lution No. 1414)		
	Duri Afte	ing regular business hourser regular business hours		
В.	Temporary Electric Service Installation Charges (Resolution No. 1509)			
	1. 2. 3. 4.	Temporary Service (150 feet or less)	\$3.58/ft At estimated cost	
C.	Cust	tomer-Damaged EWEB Facilities	Actual Cost	

D. Service Lateral Substructure Inspection Charge.......\$75.00 per additional visit

Incorrect installation by customer that require 2 or more visits for re-inspections.

### RESOLUTION NO. 1729 DECEMBER 2017

# EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD RESOLUTION APPROVING ELECTRIC UTILITY CHARGE

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

**WHEREAS**, a change to the Electric Utility Customer Service Policies for the Service Lateral Substructure Inspection Charge has been presented at the December 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as follows:

**Service Lateral Substructure Inspection Charge**............\$75.00 per additional visit Incorrect installation by customer requiring 2 or more visits for inspections. Based on cost for labor and equipment for return inspection.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Eugene Water & Electric Board does hereby resolve to adopt the stated Electric Utility Charge for Service Lateral Substructure Inspections. Furthermore, be it resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the General Manager to update the current Customer Service Policies accordingly.

DATED this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2017.

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

I, ANNE M. KAH, 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 in its December 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Assistant Secretary	