



# MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Schlossberg, Brown, Barofsky, McRae, and Carlson  
FROM: Rod Price, Assistant General Manager – Utility Operations, Jaime Breckenridge,  
Utility Joint Use Specialist  
DATE: April 19, 2021  
SUBJECT: Annual Rate Adjustment for Joint Use Fees and Charges  
OBJECTIVE: Board Action: Resolution No. 2107

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## **Issue**

In accordance with Board Resolution No. 1906, wherein Joint Use Fees and Charges were added to the Customer Service Policy, the Pole Attachment Rate for wireline attachment is re-calculated annually using the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) rate formula cited in OAR 860-028-0110(2). Schedules are reviewed annually and updated with new labor and equipment rates.

## **Background**

Per the Pole Attachment Agreement, the Pole Attachment Rate is effective June 1 – May 31. Current Pole Attachment Rates for 2020-2021 are \$15.08 Compliance Rate and \$16.76 Non-Compliance Rate. Pole Attachment Rates may increase or decrease yearly based on several accounting elements such as pole costs and carrying charges.

## **Discussion**

Pursuant to Board action, the re-calculated Pole Attachment Rate will be adjusted on June 1, 2021 for the period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, to \$14.69 Compliance Rate and \$16.33 Non-Compliance Rate.

There were no changes made to the Fee Schedule for Non-Recurring Charges (from Appendix C of the Pole Attachment Agreement) or to the Wireless Fee Schedule. Current fees are still in alignment with associated costs.

Schedule I – Unit Cost of Transferring Facilities and Average Costs of Various Pole Operations has been updated to reflect updated labor and equipment rates (see attachment).

## **Recommendation**

Management recommends the Board approve Resolution No. 2107 to update Joint Use Fees and Charges found in the following attachment: Customer Service Policy, Appendix B – Electric Service Charges and Prices, Subsection W; Joint Use Fees and Charges.

**Requested Board Action**

Approve Resolution No. 2107 to update Joint Use Fees and Charges in the Customer Service Policy.

Please contact Jaime Breckenridge at 541-685-7388 or e-mail at [jaim.breckenridge@eweb.org](mailto:jaim.breckenridge@eweb.org) with questions.

Attachments:

- 1) Revised Customer Service Policy, Appendix B – Electric Service Charges and Prices, Subsection W; Joint Use Fees and Charges (red-lined and clean copies)



**W. Joint Use Fees and Charges**

(Resolution No. 2103)

The following are fees and charges for joint use wireline, equipment related to wireline, antennae and equipment related to antenna attachments. This information is excerpted from the Pole Attachment Agreement.

**For wireline and related equipment, the following are applicable:**

- 1. Terms and Conditions (#13 and #14 from Appendix A of the Pole Attachment Agreement)

- 13. As compensation for the use of space on Permitter’s Poles on each Structure, Permittee shall pay to Permitter, at the beginning of each Contract Year of the Agreement, the following amounts for Permittee’s attachments to Permitter’s Poles:

Rate per Cable attachment x number of Cable attachments  
 Rate per Equipment attachment x number of Equipment attachments

- 14. The rates for attachments will be recomputed annually using the formula that follows:

- 14.1. Cable Attached to Permitter’s Poles:

$$\text{Pole Rate} = \frac{\text{Space Occupied by Cable} \times \text{Net Investment in Poles} \times \text{Carrying Charge}}{\text{Total Usable Space} \times \text{Number of Poles}}$$

- 14.2. Equipment Attached to Permitter’s Poles:

$$\text{Equipment Rate} = 2 \times \text{Pole Rate}$$

**June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022 Pole Rate:**

Noncompliance Rate	\$16.33
Compliance Rate	\$14.69

- 2. Fee Schedule for Non-Recurring Charges (from Appendix C of the Pole Attachment Agreement)

- a. Application Processing Fee (Electronically or Written)

\$25.00 first pole; + \$2.00 per pole thereafter



### b. Inspections

In instances where Permittor has sufficient electronic Pole Attachment data existing in its system of record, Permittor may elect to perform a desktop Inspection, which is defined as an Inspection performed using only existing electronic data, maps and pictures. There are no Inspection fees associated with a desktop Inspection.

In instances where Permittor does not have sufficient electronic data to perform a desktop Inspection or the desktop Inspection results in findings that require a field visit, the following Inspection fees apply:

- i. Pre-Construction Inspection Fees – these fees are based upon Applications by various entities that wish to attach a cable, or other device, to Permittor’s Facilities and also occurs prior to when a Permittee wishes to place new cables and/or additional equipment. All Pre-Construction and Post-Construction Inspections are broken into three levels of time usage and complexity.

#### Level 1 (Visual Inspection)

\$40.00 first pole; \$5.00 each pole thereafter

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#### Level 2 (Measured Inspection)

\$50.00 first pole; \$10.00 each pole thereafter

Level 2 Inspections are most commonly performed when the poles do not appear to have proper clearance to accommodate the newly proposed Attachment or when the Permittee has failed to provide all required information given the type of request on the Application form. Under these conditions the Permittor deems it prudent to obtain measurements and other data at the Structure or along the line.

#### Level 3 (Pole Analysis Inspection)



\$175.00 first pole; \$30.00 each pole thereafter

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- ii. Post-Construction Inspection Fees – these Inspections are completed after a Pre-Construction Inspection has been approved, and the installation by the original requesting company has been completed.

Level 4 (Visual Inspection)

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Level 5 (Measured Inspection)

\$50.00 first pole; \$10.00 each pole thereafter

Level 5 Inspections are most commonly performed when it appears that the Permittee has failed to perform construction in accordance with the specifications on their Application form, has created a NESC violation or has attached to the pole prior to receiving approval from Permittor.

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\*Over 60 days without permit application - Additional \$100.00 + 5 x annual rental fee (recurring every 60 days)

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- 3. Schedule I – Unit Cost of Transferring Facilities and Average Costs of Various Pole Operations

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*Cable Terminations (No Splicing)	\$251.00
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*Cable Terminations (No Splicing)	\$25144.00
Lowering Pole to Ground	\$402392.00
Hauling Pole to Yard	\$4874.00



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**RESOLUTION NO. 2107  
MAY 2021**

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD  
ANNUAL PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR JOINT USE CHARGES AND FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) is obligated, as much as practical, to allow any entity requiring pole attachments to serve customers, use of utility poles based on Oregon Administrative Rules (860-028-0050) and City ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, EWEB has Pole Attachment Agreements, Master Lease Agreements and Site Lease Agreements executed with attaching entities that ensure attachments comply with EWEB operational needs and standards, State and Local jurisdictions rules and ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, EWEB has Joint Use Charges and Fees for attachment to EWEB facilities and related activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the updated Joint Use charges and fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the General Manager to adjust Joint Use charges and fees and reflect those prices in updated Customer Service Policy as recommended and approved at the May 4, 2021 board meeting.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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

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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 at its May 4, 2021 Board Meeting.

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Assistant Secretary