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**SUBJECT: LINE EXTENSIONS**

**POLICY:**

It is the aim of Dickson Electric system (DES hereinafter) to make electric service available to all qualified applicants located within its service area, as soon as practical, at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management without discrimination and favoritism.

Line extensions referred to in this policy shall mean overhead line extensions from lines which are existing as of the date of application.

All rates mentioned in the following are subject to modification, adjustment, or replacement from time to time by agreement between DES and Tennessee Valley Authority, DES's supplier of power.

Qualified applicants will be considered under one of the following:

- (A) Permanent Residence
- (B) Mobile Home
- (C) Non-Permanent Residence
- (D) Commercial and Industrial
- (E) Temporary Extensions

Should applicant, at the time of application not prove to be a permanent resident, to the satisfaction of the DES, then the applicant will be considered a non-permanent resident according to (C) below. If at the end of three (3) years the applicant has proven permanent residency, then any over payment in aid to construction may be refunded.

**(A) Permanent Residence** (See general provisions, Paragraph 1)

1. All single-phase extension to a permanent residence up to 750 feet excluding the service drop or a maximum of two poles will be provided without a contribution in aid to construction.
2. Applicant desiring service to a permanent residence at a distance greater than 750 feet excluding the service drop or maximum of two poles from the existing line will pay \$3.00 per foot for the distance beyond 750 feet or the two pole maximum. This charge is to be considered as contribution in aid to construction.
3. Should other applicants construct a permanent residence to be served from the same facilities within three (3) years from the date of original service, the extension request will be reconsidered and any over payment in aid to construction may be refunded.

## **(B) Mobile Homes**

Mobile Home will be considered a permanent resident when:

1. **Applicant must personally occupy the mobile home.**
2. **Applicant must own the lot on which the mobile home is located and provide DES with the book and page number where the deed is recorded.**
3. **Applicant must supply DES with certification from the county health department that the lot is approved for septic tank and install a septic tank, or attach to a municipal sanitary sewer system.**
4. **Water under pressure must be provided from a well on the lot or from a municipal or water district system.**
5. **Meter pole, if required, must be of sufficient height to provide proper clearance. Wiring on the pole must be completed in accordance with local, state, and national wiring codes, and approved by the state wiring inspector.**

If all of the above requirements are met, the mobile home will be considered a permanent residence and will be treated as such (see section A). Otherwise, the mobile home will be treated as a non-permanent residence (see section C).

## **(C) Non-Permanent Residence**

1. **Applicants desiring service to a non-permanent residence such as a vacation home, cottage, lodge, camp, recreational vehicle, travel trailer, and weekend or an occasionally occupied house will pay \$3.00 per foot for the distance greater than 125 feet. This charge is to be considered as a contribution in aid to construction.**
2. **The minimum monthly bill under this section shall be not less than the standard residential customer charge. A higher minimum monthly bill may be required because of special circumstances affecting distributor's cost in rendering service.**
3. **Multiple applicants requesting line extensions may divide any required payments.**

## **(D) Commercial and Industrial**

1. **All applications for commercial and industrial service shall be reviewed by management and the amount of the contribution in aid to construction, minimum bills(s), term of contract, and amount of deposit shall be determined by management within a reasonable time after the receipt of the application and the applicant notified in writing of the results of the review and the amounts set.**

**(E) Temporary Extensions**

1. Applicants desiring short term line extensions will pay in advance the full cost of construction of the line plus cost of removal, less the amounts recovered or recoverable at the time the temporary extension ceases to be used.
2. Temporary service used primarily for residential and other building construction shall be classified as commercial use and shall come under the General Power Rate Schedule.

**General Provisions**

1. A permanent residence is considered one to be suitable for occupancy for the next thirty years. A permanent residence must be provided with water under pressure, sewerage facilities and must meet state requirements and National Electric Code requirements. A permanent residence must be continually occupied and have sufficient monthly meter readings as to indicate permanent occupancy.
2. Sign an application for electric service.
3. Execute a right-of-way easement for his/her property.
4. Secure executed right-of-way easements from all other property owners over which the line to customer's location will cross (including permission to take off from property of present customer). All initial clearing will be the responsibility of the applicant and will be cleared in accordance with the DES's specifications.
5. Distributor shall have the right to determine the height and point of attachment for its service conductors along with meter location. Non compliance with the above may cause the customer, at his/her own expense to have to relocate service entrance.
6. All payments in aid to construction are to be made in advance.
7. New service will not be extended to permanent structures under power lines. If customer request line to be relocated, and if it is determined by DES staff to be feasible without damage to the integrity or the ability to efficiently operate said power line, the customer may pay in advance the full cost of such relocation.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

DES Employees

**REFERENCE:**