



Line Extension Policy



General Information

PEC supplies electric service from overhead lines for members who pay all fees associated with new construction. Members also must have a definite plan for, or have begun the construction of, the building or other permanent facilities stipulated in the membership application by installing a water well or slab/foundation. PEC will determine the type and location of the service extension.

The Cooperative also will provide electric service to miscellaneous nonpermanent locations, provided the applicant pays for the construction and removal costs required to serve the facilities. This payment will be a nonrefundable contribution to aid-to-construction.

Members must take electric service within 30 days after it is made available. If a member does not take service at that time, they still must pay PEC all applicable monthly charges until they start taking service.

Construction Information

All overhead and underground distribution lines in a subdivision will be built on the front lot lines along public streets. Lines can be constructed along rear lot lines if the following conditions exist:

- There is an accessible roadway from a public road (dedicated to the public or the Cooperative) along the route of the proposed distribution line. The dedication will include language

that prohibits obstructions being placed in the roadway, such as fences or structures that would prevent ready access.

- The accessible, dedicated roadway is an all-weather road constructed of asphalt, concrete, or crushed rock. An all-weather road is defined as a road with adequate culverts, bridges, and base material in place to support vehicles weighing up to 50,000 pounds, during all weather conditions.
- A public entity, such as a county, municipality, or property owners association, has accepted the responsibility of maintaining the road and assuring that obstructions are not placed within the roadway.

The Cooperative has complete ownership and control of the entire line at all times. This allows PEC the right to serve other members from the line and/or any of its extensions without obligation to refund member fees.

In areas where the Cooperative provides electric service in the vicinity of dams and lakes, the extended overhead service will not be below maximum pool level of the lakes. PEC may, at its option, provide underground service in these areas in accordance with this extension policy.

General Provisions

PEC will provide residential applicants with a standard 200- or 320-amp meter base. If a residential load exceeds 320 amps, the Cooperative can provide metering to accommodate

the larger load. However, members are responsible for the additional metering cost.

All service entrance wiring through the weatherhead and meter base to the main disconnect switch or service center, including the weatherhead itself, must be paid for and installed by the member. Members also must pay for and install additional wiring they may require. Wiring installations must meet the provisions of the National Electrical Code and all other codes issued by states, cities, counties, or other public bodies applicable to the location being wired. PEC is not responsible for ensuring that any wiring is in compliance with codes and will bear no liability with respect to the wiring. The switch or service center must be easily accessible to PEC crews to connect service, read the meter, and maintain operations.

PEC also will install overhead secondary service lines from its primary lines to a point designated by the Cooperative. Secondary service lines connect to member-installed wiring. Point of delivery may be changed at member request and at PEC's option. In this case, the member will be required to pay for the actual cost of providing the location change. Members also are responsible for providing a suitable attachment point where the Cooperative can install the lines. This attachment point must be in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code or any other applicable code issued by a public body.

At PEC's option, members may have service delivered to a Cooperative meter pole. In such cases, members



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must provide an approved service meter loop on the pole. Members also must install and pay for any service line required beyond the meter pole.

By special arrangement, members can receive underground primary and secondary service, with the understanding that they will pay for installation. PEC will provide a pad-mounted transformer and the termination for the lines.

Information for Developers

When developers request underground service within a platted subdivision, they pay the cost of installing the underground electric facilities. The developer also must ensure there are adequate facilities to serve all prospective members who may require electric service from that facility. The Cooperative will provide the necessary pad-mounted transformers and terminations for the underground lines.

Consumers are responsible for installing and maintaining underground secondary service lines from the meter to the main disconnect switch or service center. The Cooperative will assume no liability for the connection.

PEC may, at its option, construct overhead facilities within a platted subdivision, provided the developer advances the total cost of the facilities.

Relocating Lines and Facilities

At the member's request, and at the sole option of the Cooperative, lines and other facilities may be relocated only if the following conditions are met:

- Service to other members, both present and prospective, will not be adversely affected.
- Easements on PEC's standard form covering rights-of-way for the relocated lines or other facilities are granted to the Cooperative.
- The member pays in advance the total estimated cost of removing the existing lines and facilities and replacing them with lines and facilities at the new location. The cost will be based on the standard unit cost according to the Cooperative's most current construction cost records. The amount paid will be nonrefundable.

Details on the Cooperative's line extension service and associated fees and requirements are available at any PEC office or by calling 1-888-554-4732.

The Line Extension Policy is subject to change by the PEC Board of Directors without prior notice.

Para nuestros miembros que lo prefieren, tenemos telefonistas que hablan español y pueden responderles a sus preguntas las 24 horas al día. Para más información en español o inglés, llamen a cualquier oficina de PEC.

