

# OZARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Mt. Vernon, Missouri

Board Policy 401

*SUBJECT: Overhead Line Extension*

*OBJECTIVE:*

To establish guidelines for overhead line extensions including Cooperative and member supplied trenches, as well as temporary services.

*POLICY:*

## PERMANENT RESIDENTS

All permanent residents in the allocated territory of this Cooperative will be served at the rates and minimum charges established in the standard rate schedules. For the purpose of definition, permanent residents will consist of fixed foundation structures/ wells or public water systems, all weather roads; state approved septic systems to include residential homes and commercial buildings. All footages referenced below include primary and secondary footage. For the purpose of an overhead new service or line extension, the Cooperative will set poles at no cost to the member up to 300 feet; all additional footage will be at the rate of \$3.00 per foot. The member is responsible for obtaining all necessary Easements (forms supplied by Cooperative) and for clearing all right-of way. The member will furnish the meter loop/service entrance main disconnect, in preparation for installing the meter furnished by the Cooperative. The meter loop/service entrance main disconnect must be installed per all applicable codes prior to any work order being released for construction.

It shall be the duty of the Cooperative's Engineering Department to develop the most feasible and economical design and routing of the line. Ownership of the line and poles shall remain with Ozark Electric Cooperative, and the right to connect others is in no way waived.

The Engineering Department will implement a "line of sight" method to determine the routing of all secondary line. Therefore, the service entrance must be located on the same side of the house as the existing transformer and Cooperative personnel must be able to see the existing transformer while standing at the service entrance. If the service entrance does not meet these requirements, it must be relocated and a 4 wire extended service installed as required. Please reference the National Electrical Code (NEC) for extended service panel requirements (NEC 250).

## SUBDIVISION

In the construction of primary line to a platted and recorded subdivision, Ozark Electric will provide poles and or wires required for extending the primary voltage lines at the rate of \$3.00 per foot and secondary voltage lines at a rate \$2.25 per foot. It shall be the duty of the Cooperative's Engineering Department to develop the most feasible and economical design and routing of the line. Ownership of the line shall remain with Ozark Electric, and the right to connect others is in no way waived.

The Engineering Department will implement a "line of sight" method to determine the routing of all secondary line in a subdivision. Therefore, the service entrance must be located on the same side of the house as the existing transformer and Cooperative personnel must be able to see the existing transformer while standing at the service entrance. If the service entrance does not meet these requirements, it must be relocated and a 4 wire extended service installed as required.

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## IN AND OUT CONSTRUCTION

Where, in the opinion of the Cooperative, circumstances indicate that the service may be temporary (in and out), the Cooperative will supply temporary electric service for any purpose, provided the member-consumer, or applicant will make an advance cash payment equal to the estimated labor and overhead costs of installing and removing the service, plus non-salvageable materials. Electricity consumed will be metered and billed at the regular applicable rate schedule. The Cooperative may require a meter deposit in addition to the advance payment for construction, when service is removed any remaining advance payment in excess of actual costs incurred by the Cooperative or above a minimum charge in the amount of \$500.00, may be refunded to the applicant.

The provisions of this policy supersede any and all other previously established policies to the extent that the provision of same is in conflict with the above.

## TEMPORARY SERVICE

For the purpose of a new service or line extension to a structure that does not meet the permanent service requirements including but not limited to: "wells, barns, mobile/manufactured homes, signs, electric fences, and fireworks stands; the Cooperative will extend 50' of secondary line only if a pole is not required, at no charge to the member requesting the line extension. If more than 50' and a pole or poles are required to extend service to the member requesting service, the Cooperative will charge a contribution in aid of construction which is non-refundable at the rate of \$5.00 per foot beginning with the first foot. Poles will not be set within the initial 50 feet and the member will need to take service from a meter loop (supplied by the member) from the nearest existing pole. The contribution in aid of construction will be paid in advance prior to any construction activities by the Cooperative.

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Temporary Service Applies to:

- A. WELLS: Wells will be considered as temporary. Exception: If a well is located less than 300 feet from an existing home and is supplying water to an existing home, only the consumers deposit will be required.

**NO Primary or Secondary lines shall be located within a 25 feet radius of any well.**

- B. BARNs: Barns will be considered as temporary.
- C. MOBILE /MANUFACTURED HOMES: Mobile/Manufactured homes will be considered as temporary unless the following conditions are met:

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1. Unit must be owned by and located upon land owned by the applicant.
2. All running gear and tongues shall be removed.
3. Unit shall be placed on concrete or other industry standard practices for footings, stringers, or runners and anchoring.
4. Must be connected to permanent water and sewer/septic systems.

D. SIGNS: Signs will be considered as temporary.

E. ELECTRIC FENCES: Electric fences will be considered as temporary.

F. FIREWORKS STANDS: Fireworks stands will be classified as temporary provided they are no more than 50 feet from existing line pole or service pole.

G. MEMBER/DEVELOPER: A temporary construction meter will be installed on a tripod when member or developer furnishes both loop and tripod. This is to serve only until permanent service is available and must be located no more than 100 feet from an existing line pole or service pole.

### MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE POLICIES

Member-owned generators must have a double throw, double pole switch, or automatic transfer switch, to be installed at the member's expense, both for the member's safety and that of the Cooperative's employees. Cooperative personnel will assist the member in the installation of this protective switch.

### COMPETITION FOR NEW SERVICE

When the Cooperative is competing for new business the Board of Directors and/or the General Manager has the authority to waive all or part of the charges that are outlined in this line extension policy if they feel it is in the best interest of the Cooperative and its members.