

Notice to Line Extension Customers

In an effort to keep all interested parties updated on our policies and procedures we have put together this overview.

In September 2013 Klickitat PUD updated its line extension policy. A major part of this update was altering the way in which KPUD calculates the cost of residential line extensions. Under the old per foot method it was easy for KPUD staff to give “ballpark” estimates based on the distance a site was from existing KPUD utility lines. Under the new policy KPUD charges estimated construction costs of the line extension based on the cost of materials, labor and other associated costs. This new method makes it impossible for KPUD staff to give “ballpark” estimates, because every line extension is different. Due to this, KPUD staff will no longer give out verbal “ballpark” estimates and will only give written estimates based on a much more in depth analysis of the project requirements.

For KPUD to provide a line extension estimate an engineer will meet on the proposed property site with the applicant or person (s) applying for the electrical service. During this meeting multiple topics are discussed and reviewed including: line extension design , service type and location, amperage requirements, easements, permit requirements, payment and account requirements, right-of-way clearing, road crossings, drilling & blasting of rock, environmental requirements, and any others that may play a role in the installation. All of these factors are taken into consideration in creating an estimate which the engineer generates in the office and sends to the applicant. The estimate details the cost involved and the requirements that must be met prior to the work being scheduled for installation.

If KPUD meets with a representative of the applicant or of the property owner, all of the above parameters may not be able to be estimated. In these cases all KPUD can provide is a written estimate for line extension to the closest property edge. The applicant would then be responsible for obtaining a follow-up estimate for the final design of the complete service installation to the meter, which may result in additional costs.

KPUD will no longer give out phone estimates. All appointments must be in person at the property site if legally accessible. KPUD may require written authorization from property owners involved if access is questionable. Please take in mind all appointments are subject to the availability of an engineer and have the potential of taking 1-2 weeks for scheduling.

Our policies and service installation information are available on our website www.klickitatpud.com or you can contact engineering directly at 509-773-7632.