

8. LINE EXTENSION POLICY

8.1 LINE EXTENSIONS:

A line extension is any continuation of, or branch from the nearest available existing line of BCLP, including any increase of capacity of an existing line or facilities to meet the Customer's requirements. Wherever economically feasible, as determined by BCLP, all new extensions of primary and secondary distribution lines will be installed underground. All construction shall be in compliance with BCLP's current construction standards and practices and the National Electrical Safety Code.

8.2. LINE EXTENSION TO PERMANENT ELECTRIC SERVICE:

Extensions of BCLP's distribution system, for Permanent Electric Service, upon public highways, rights-of-way, and public utility easements acceptable to BCLP shall be built within a reasonable period after the payment of all applicable fees.

8.3. LINE EXTENSION COST:

If the cost of the Line Extension is estimated by BCLP to be \$400 or less, BCLP will make the extension, at no cost to the Customer, otherwise the Customer shall pay 100% of the cost of the Line Extension Fee.

The Line Extension cost shall be the necessary cost of the particular extension; it shall not include or be determined with reference to provision for additional capacity in excess of that actually necessary to meet the requirements of the Customer or Customers to be then served.

This rule is not to be interpreted as a prohibition against the construction by BCLP of an extension having more than sufficient capacity to meet the requirements of the Customer to be then served, provided the additional capacity is constructed by BCLP without obligation to the Customers to be then served, and the cost of construction of such additional capacity shall be borne in total by BCLP.

8.4. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- a. Ownership: BCLP will own, operate, and maintain all line extensions made under this policy including extensions paid for by the Customer in accordance with these extension policies. Extensions from a source of energy having a voltage in excess of 12,470 volts or other unusual extensions may require special contractual arrangements between BCLP and the Customer to justify the construction of said extension.
- b. Right Of Way: Customer without expense to BCLP shall make or procure conveyance to BCLP of satisfactory right-of-ways or easements across the property owned or controlled by the Customer for BCLP lines or extensions thereof necessary or incidental to the furnishing of electric service to the Customer and shall permit access thereto by BCLP's employees at all reasonable hours. The Customer shall permit BCLP to trim the limbs and tops of trees to the extent that such trimming shall be reasonably necessary to avoid interference with BCLP's lines as determined by BCLP's tree trimming guidelines.
- c. Grade: For underground distribution systems, the Customer must grade surface within six inches (6") of final grade, or to the satisfaction of BCLP. In the event any change in the final grade necessitates a change in the underground distribution system applicant shall fully reimburse BCLP for the cost of such changes.
- d. Surveying: Applicant shall install and maintain survey stakes indicating grades, stationings, and

property lines, and shall make no permanent surface improvements unless previously approved by BCLP before BCLP begins installation of the underground distribution system.

**8.5. RELOCATION OR MODIFICATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND / OR
CONVERSION OF EXISTING OVERHEAD FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES:**

BCLP will relocate or modify existing facilities and / or remove existing overhead lines and install underground facilities to replace them at the request of a Customer. The Customer will be required to pay BCLP's cost of such relocation and / or conversion determined as follows:

- a. The estimated cost of relocating, modifying, or removing the existing facilities.
- b. The cost of installing the new facilities.
- c. The cost of obtaining any new right of ways or easements that may be required.

8.6. EXISTING ELECTRIC SERVICE:

Conversion of single-phase electric service to three-phase electric service for commercial Customers and for any residential Customers will be supplied upon payment by Customer of the estimated additional cost to be incurred by BCLP in order to supply three-phase electric service.

8.7. AFTER HOURS WORK:

Any Customer or developer scheduling BCLP to provide services after normal working hours will be required to pay BCLP's actual costs for the service rendered even if the service would be provided free of charge during normal hours.