

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

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## SECTION 1 - RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

1.1 Applicability - to the extension of service to any residential premise used primarily for domestic purposes on a permanent or seasonal basis, including domestic outbuildings, but not including commercially operated self-contained rental units in resort areas.

### 1.2 Corporation Investment

#### 1.2.1 Detached, Semi-detached & Row Housing

1.2.1.1 Individual Applicants - the Corporation will invest the first \$1,300.00 per premise towards the installation of permanent single-phase service meeting normal design standards to any residential premise(s).

However, the Corporation will invest none of the additional costs of the following "optional extras":

- a) service facilities operating above 15 kV.
- b) a service extension exceeding normal design standards, i.e. additional points of delivery, customer preferred location of point of service attachment, yard pole (or pedestal) point of delivery, etc.
- c) a temporary service extension, including the installation and removal labour and unsalvageable material.
- d) winter construction of underground distribution extensions where service is specifically requested and subsequently provided during the winter season.

1.2.1.2 Subdivision Developments (New) - the Corporation will invest the first \$1,300.00 per lot towards the complete permanent single-phase electrification (including services and meters) of the subdivision, in accordance with normal design standards, on a "prepaid, pre-serviced" basis.

However, the Corporation will invest none of the additional costs of the following "optional extras":

- a) service facilities operating above 15 kV.
- b) a service extension exceeding normal design standards, i.e. additional points of delivery, customer preferred location of point of service attachment, yard pole (or pedestal) point of delivery, etc.
- c) a temporary service extension, including the installation and removal labour and unsalvageable material.
- d) winter construction of underground distribution extensions where service is specifically requested and subsequently provided during the winter season.

Should the Corporation determine that a selection of serviced lots adequate to meet the community's housing demand is already available, or that a relatively high density of housing construction is unlikely to occur in the subdivision over the next two construction seasons, the Corporation's normal investment may be deferred, in whole or in part, pending actual housing activity in the subdivision.

- 1.2.1.3 Established (but Unserviced) "Communities" - the Corporation will invest the first \$1,300.00 per premise located (or likely to be constructed) in the area towards the permanent single-phase electrification of each of the designated premises (or lots), in accordance with normal design standards.

However, the Corporation will invest none of the additional costs of the following "optional extras":

- a) service facilities operating above 15 kV.
- b) a service extension exceeding normal design standards, i.e. additional points of delivery, customer preferred location of point of service attachment, yard pole (or pedestal) point of delivery, etc.
- c) a temporary service extension, including the installation and removal labour and unsalvageable material.
- d) winter construction of underground distribution extensions where service is specifically requested and subsequently provided during the winter season.

In any event, the extension of service to the area is normally subject to a minimum 65% sign-up of potential customers. Failing adequate sign-up levels, applications for service will be considered as in Section 1.2.1.1 Individual Applicants.

- 1.2.2 Apartment Buildings - the Corporation will invest the first \$1,300.00 per suite plus two years of anticipated "house meter" revenue towards the cost of any permanent service extension meeting normal design standards, to an apartment building, but will invest none of the additional costs of the following "optional extras":

- a) a temporary service extension, including the installation and removal labour and unsalvageable material.
- b) a service extension exceeding normal design standards, i.e. additional points of delivery, customer preferred location of point of service attachment, etc.
- c) winter construction of underground distribution extensions where service is specifically requested and subsequently provided during the winter season.

- 1.2.3 System Improvement Investment for Distribution Connected Services – in addition to the above noted investment that may be applicable to permanent distribution connected services, which meet normal design standards, the Corporation will also invest as a system improvement investment on customer connect services those costs that are based on the following principles:

- a) that portion of the cost to serve a new or increased load that would not have been spent if that were the only load on the line;
- b) the cost of either an already approved capital system upgrade or a defined upgrade based upon the facility's age, less the cost of advancing this upgrade from a future year to the current year;
- c) the cost of any SaskPower preferred routing, design, or construction methods that exceed minimum customer needs and/or minimum Corporate standards.

### 1.3 Customer Contribution Determination

#### 1.3.1 Detached, Semi-detached & Row Housing

1.3.1.1 Individual Applicants - the applicant(s) will be required to contribute any amount by which the total estimated service extension costs exceed the Corporation's investment as outlined in Section 1.2.1.1.

1.3.1.2 Subdivision Developments (New) - the developer will be required to contribute any amount by which the total estimated distribution system costs exceed the Corporation's investment as outlined in Section 1.2.1.2. That contribution constitutes a "prepayment" of the cost of service connections to all dwelling units ultimately constructed in the subdivision, requiring that the lots to which the contribution applies be accurately recorded.

1.3.1.3 Established (but Unserviced) "Communities" - the individual applicants within the established area will ultimately be required to contribute any amount by which the total estimated distribution system costs exceed the Corporation's investment as outlined in Section 1.2.1.3. The total contribution required to provide service to all customers (i.e. existing premises and those likely to be constructed) will be apportioned equally among such customers to establish the construction charge applicable to each premise ultimately connected in that area. Under this arrangement, service will not normally be extended until at least 65% of the customers have contributed their share of the required construction charge. Failing the required sign-up level, applications for service will be considered as in Section 1.2.1.1 Individual Applicants.

1.3.2 Apartment Buildings - the applicant will be required to contribute any amount by which the total estimated service extension costs exceed the Corporation's investment as outlined in Section 1.2.2.

1.4 Customer Contribution Payment - customers will normally be required to make a cash deposit towards any required contribution at the time of their acceptance of our quotation amounting to the greater of:

- a) the total construction charge amount up to \$2,000, or
- b) 25% of the required construction charge.

The balance of the required amount will be invoiced to the customer after completion of construction, and payment of the invoice is subject to the same Late Payment Charges applicable to delinquent energy accounts.

Federal, provincial and municipal governments, school boards, oil companies, grain elevator companies and other companies operating on a national or provincial basis are exempt from the deposit requirements.

1.5 Construction Charge Financing Option – customers may be eligible for financing of their construction charge for new service installations, capacity increase installations or temporary service installations subject to the following:

- a) a minimum 25 percent down payment;
- b) the minimum financing per customer is one thousand dollars, net of the down payment, to a maximum of two million dollars, net of the down payment, per customer;
- c) a credit rating acceptable to SaskPower;
- d) provision of security acceptable to SaskPower.

1.5.1 Financing Terms - the customer will have an option of a one year to a five year term for net financing of one thousand dollars to five thousand dollars and an option of a one year to a five year term or a ten year term for net financing of five thousand dollars to two million dollars. Interest rates will vary with the term and size of the financing and will be periodically revised by SaskPower; however the interest rate will be fixed for the full term of each individual financing.

1.6 Construction Charge Rebates

1.6.1 Detached, Semi-detached & Row Housing

1.6.1.1 Individual Applicants - where a "normal" construction charge (i.e. excluding charges for "optional extras") is assessed for the extension of permanent electric service, that contribution is eligible for rebate in whole or in part, should the extension be utilized by another customer within a period of five years from the date of service. The rebate amount will be calculated on a "shared cost of shared line" principle, proportional to the individual loads of the new and existing customers.

1.6.1.2 Subdivision Developments (New) - construction contributions toward the "prepaid" electrification of new subdivision developments are normally ineligible for "shared cost of shared line" rebates, since such projects are considered "stand alone", with any significant sharing of service facilities by future customers (other than the same developer) unlikely in any event. However, individual circumstances such as the extension of a primary line up to the location of the subdivision may warrant a rebate if another customer utilizes any portion or all of that line.

Where deferred Corporation investment constituted all or a portion of the original construction charge, rebates of the deferred investment will be

made annually for a maximum period of five years based on actual housing development.

1.6.1.3 Established (but Unserviced) "Communities" - any "area coverage" construction contributions (determined at the time of original electrification of the area) toward the extension of service to premises within the "community's" designated boundaries are ineligible for rebate.

1.6.2 Apartment Buildings - where a "normal" construction charge (i.e. excluding charges for "optional extras") assessed for the extension of permanent electric service, that contribution is eligible for rebate, in whole or in part, should the extension be utilized by another customer within a period of five years from the date of service. The rebate amount will be calculated on a "shared cost of shared line" principle, proportional to the individual loads of the new and existing customers.

1.7 Billing Commencement - energy account billing on all new service extensions will normally commence on the earlier of:

- a) the date the customer requests delivery of energy, or
- b) 60-days after completion of the project.

1.8 Capacity Increase - where additional electrical load added to an existing residential premise(s) requires an increase in the capacity of the Corporation's service facilities with no change in their electrical characteristics, the Corporation will absorb the cost of such capacity increase.

1.9 Disconnection, Salvage & Restoration of Dedicated Rural Services - service to any dedicated rural residential extension will be physically disconnected upon receipt of a written request from the customer for such disconnect. Future electric service requirements should be discussed with the premise owner at that time, and where he provides the Corporation with written salvage authorization, the service extension is subject to immediate removal. Where the owner will not provide written salvage authorization (and will not assume billing responsibility) he must be advised in writing that he has one year from the date of disconnect to determine if he wants to retain service to the site. After expiry of the one year "grace" period (and failing service reconnection) the owner must be given written notification of our intention to salvage the service extension.

Any request to reconnect service during the one year grace period (or thereafter provided it's prior to salvage of the service) by the same owner(s) is subject to the Corporation's standard seasonal reconnect fee provisions. Furthermore, the applicant must be advised in writing that future provision of service will not include another "grace period" option and that retention of the service facilities is subject to continuous billing as long as he owns the premise. In other words, subsequent disconnect requests will subject the service extension to immediate salvage unless another customer assumes account billing responsibility or the property is sold.

Any request to re-electrify a rural residential holding following an authorized salvage of the service extension, in whole or in part, shall be considered a new service application.

Under no circumstances will a request for disconnection or salvage of such service extensions involve a refund of any portion of the original or subsequent construction contributions.

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