

**Appendix B – 1**

**Western Massachusetts Electric Company**  
**Terms and Conditions**

**Line Extension Policy for Individual Residential Customers**

I. **Applicability:**

1. General

Residential line extensions are single phase. Single phase extensions for other classes of customers are also covered by this section.

2. Temporary Service

Where practical, Temporary Service may be provided with the customer paying all estimated installation and removal costs. For a temporary 120/240 volt, 100 ampere service of limited length, on private property where suitable distribution facilities already exist adjacent to the site, standard charges will apply.

II. **Construction Of Facilities:**

1. Public Way

1A. General

A public way is a town or state road where WMECO has franchise rights to construct, operate and maintain facilities. When WMECO has suitable easements on private property, any customer charges will be computed as though the easement area was a public way.

1B. Overhead Extensions

- i. WMECO will own all extensions that it constructs on public ways.
- ii. WMECO will be responsible for all maintenance of extensions that it has constructed on public ways.
- iii. All extensions on public ways will be designed according to WMECO's current construction standards.
- iv. Installation of WMECO facilities on a public way will be made by WMECO or its contractors.
- v. Removal of any WMECO facilities will be made by WMECO or its contractors.

- vi. Tree trimming, relating to electric facilities within a public way will done by WMECO, its contractors or any municipal or state agency.
- vii. Any blasting in the public way, required for the construction of electric facilities, will done by WMECO or its contractors.

1C. Underground Extensions

- i. Underground extensions are not generally offered in public way areas. When required for special purposes and WMECO agrees to provide them, the design may require a duct and manhole system with the customer paying all additional construction costs, in excess of the standard overhead system.

2. Extension on Private Property

2A. General

Private property is all property not considered a public way.

2B. Overhead extensions

- i. WMECO will own all extensions that it constructs on private property.
- ii. WMECO will be responsible for all maintenance of its owned facilities on private property.
- iii. All WMECO extensions on private property will be designed according to WMECO's current construction standards.
- iv. Installation of WMECO facilities on private property will made by WMECO or its contractors.
- v. Removal of any WMECO facilities will made by WMECO or its contractors. Removals related to relocations requested by the property owner will be at the property owner's expense.
- vi. All tree trimming on private property will be the responsibility of the property owner or its agent.
- vii. Any blasting on private property, required for the construction of electric facilities, will be provided by the property owner or its agent.

2C. Underground (Direct Buried)

- i. WMECO will own all extensions that it constructs on private property.
- ii. WMECO will be responsible for all maintenance of its owned facilities on private property. The property owner will be responsible for restoration of all paving, lawns and shrubbery affected by repairs.

- iii. All WMECO extensions on private property will be designed according to WMECO's current construction standards.
- iv. Installation of WMECO facilities on private property will be made by WMECO or its contractors.
- v. Removal of any WMECO facilities will be made by WMECO or its contractors. Removals related to relocations requested by the property owner will be at the property owner's expense.
- vi. All tree removal on private property will be the responsibility of the property owner or its agent.
- vii. Any trenching or blasting on private property, required for the construction of electric facilities, will be provided by the property owner or its agent. In addition, the property owner will be required to supply and install any conduit and concrete structures required by WMECO construction standards.

III. Customer Responsibilities:

1. Easements: The customer will be responsible to provide any easements necessary to provide access to the customer's property from WMECO facilities in the public way. No facilities will be constructed until the easements have been executed and filed in the land records.
2. Plans: The customer will be required to provide WMECO with details of the intended installation, including property lines, building locations, service entrance specifications and major electrical load information.
3. Other Documents: If the customer intends to use an existing easement area to cross the property of others with WMECO electrical facilities, the customer will be required to provide evidence that the easement permits the installation of such facilities by WMECO.
4. Code Compliance: No service entrance equipment will be connected to the WMECO system without the approval of the local inspection authorities and any other agency having jurisdiction.
5. Information and Requirements Booklet: WMECO has an *Information and Requirements* booklet which summarizes its policies and provides detailed information about metering and service entrance requirements.

IV. Payment Required:

1. In consideration of anticipated average revenue, WMECO will extend one pole and one span of overhead construction on a public way, at no cost to the customer. WMECO will also provide one span of overhead secondary service (limited to 400 ampere service entrance capacity for non-residential customers) on private property, at no charge to the customer.
2. All costs of WMECO construction shall be derived on an estimated basis and will include all labor, materials, permits, tree trimming and any required police protection or other outside services. For routine construction components, WMECO uses a standard estimated cost.
3. For all construction beyond the allowances specified in IV.,A., above, the customer will be required to contribute the excess costs. The excess costs will be for such items as additional lengths, underground rather than overhead and any oversized facilities.
4. Refunds: If additional customers make use of a public way extension paid for by a customer within four years of the original customer's payment, WMECO will refund the average cost of a pole and span of overhead conductors, to the original customer, for each new customer. Total refunds will not exceed the original customer's payment toward an overhead extension. Refunds are not granted for the excess costs of underground or direct buried construction. All refunds will be made only to the original customer.
5. Tax liability: All customer charges will be increased appropriately to compensate WMECO for its tax liability, relating to the receipt of a contribution in aid of construction, under the IRS Tax Code revision of 1986.
6. Payment method: All customer charges are to be paid in advance of the start of WMECO's construction.

V. Construction Moratorium:

WMECO reserves the right to curtail its construction activities during periods of bad weather, emergency restoration activities or when restricted by any regulatory bodies.

VI. Agreement:

Any line extension on a public way that requires a customer payment subject to possible refund, will be covered by a written agreement that specifies the details of the payment, the time frames and the refund conditions.