

LINE EXTENSIONS

POLICY 1:

LINE EXTENSION POLICY FOR INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

I. Applicability

1. General

When an individual residential customer (“Customer”) requests that a distribution line be extended to serve the Customer’s single family or duplex home the terms of this policy shall apply.

This policy provides for standard single phase residential service. Service above and beyond standard residential service may result in additional cost to the Customer. Additional information is contained in the Company’s “Specification for Electrical Installations” booklet located on the Company’s website and the Company’s Terms and Conditions as filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

2. Temporary Service

This policy shall not apply to lines constructed for temporary service. Temporary service is defined in the Company’s Terms and Conditions. The Company should be contacted regarding the cost and availability of temporary service.

3. Street Lights

This policy shall not apply to street lights.

4. Seasonal Service

This policy shall not apply to lines constructed for seasonal service. The Company should be contacted regarding the cost and availability of seasonal service.

II. Construction of Facilities

1. Line Extension on Public Way and Private Property

1A. General

No distinction shall be made between line extensions on public ways or private property except where specifically noted.

1B. Overhead Line Extension

Pursuant to RSA 370:12, Customers requiring an overhead line extension on private property may opt to hire and pay a private line contractor, licensed by the state and approved by the Company, to construct such overhead power line extension on private property. The contractor shall supply and install all materials as specified by the Company. Overhead line extensions must be designed by the Company and built to its specifications in order for the Company to assume ownership of the line. The Company has the right to refuse to accept a line extension that does not conform to the Company’s specifications. Customers may not contract with private line contractors to construct line extensions along public ways.

The Company shall be responsible for:

- i. installing, owning and maintaining all poles, primary and secondary wires, transformers, service drops, meters, etc. that, in its opinion, are required to provide adequate service;

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- i. designating the location of all Company owned equipment, the service entrance and meter location(s) at the house; and
- ii. blasting and tree trimming and removal along public ways; the Company may charge the Customer the cost of such blasting and tree trimming and removal if, in the Company's opinion, such cost is excessive.

The Customer, at no cost to the Company, shall be responsible for:

- i. blasting and tree trimming and removal on private property in accordance with the Company's specifications and subject to the Company's inspection.

1C. Underground Line Extension

The Company will connect the Customer's underground primary distribution line extension to the Company's distribution system under the conditions shown below.

The Company shall be responsible for:

- i. designating the riser pole location;
- ii. designating the location of all Company owned equipment, the service entrance and meter location(s);
- iii. providing the company owned boxpad foundation;
- iv. providing, installing, owning and maintaining the transformer and meter; and
- v. making all connections to Company equipment.

The Customer, at no cost to the Company, shall be responsible for:

- i. providing, prior to the start of the Company's construction, all applicable documents required for the Company to prepare easements for its facilities to be installed on private property;
- ii. installing a steel riser at the Company's designated pole, including a 90 degree sweep and bonding clamp with a copper wire tap;
- iii. providing, installing, owning and maintaining all required foundations (except for Company boxpad foundations), handholes, manholes, grounding systems, primary and secondary cable, and conduit including spacers, glue and pulling strings, etc.;
- iv. installing boxpad foundations, provided by the Company, as indicated on the Company's plan and related construction documents; and
- v. installing, owning, and maintaining all service conduit and service cable from the Company's equipment to the designated meter location(s).

III. Customer Responsibilities

1. Easements

The Company will require the Customer to provide the Company with easements, drafted by the Company, for all Company owned facilities located on private property. The Customer will provide these easements prior to the start of the Company's

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construction and at no cost to the Company.

2. Code Compliance

All construction must be in accordance with the Company's Construction Standards and the "Information and Requirements for Electric Service" booklet as published by the Company from time to time and shall comply with codes and requirements of legally constituted authorities having jurisdiction.

3. Environmental Permits

The Customer shall be responsible for obtaining any required environmental permits prior to the start of construction.

IV. Payment Required

1. Overhead Line Extension

1A. Overhead Cost per Foot

The "Overhead Cost per Foot" will be a predetermined cost per foot calculated by the Company. This cost is located in the Schedule of Fees for Line Extensions in the Company's Terms and Conditions.

1B. Total Allowed Overhead Line Distance per House

The Company will provide a predetermined length of overhead distribution line, plus a service drop per house, free of charge ("Allowed Overhead Line Distance per House"). The service drop is considered to be from the last pole to the house.

The "Allowed Overhead Line Distance per House" will be a predetermined distance per home as stated in the Schedule of Fees for Line Extensions in the Company's Terms and Conditions.

1C. Overhead Installation Charge

If the total line distance required to serve the house is in excess of the "Allowed Overhead Line Distance per House," there will be a charge to the Customer ("Overhead Installation Charge"). The "Overhead Installation Charge" will be equal to the "Overhead Cost per Foot" times the number of feet in excess of the "Allowed Overhead Line Distance per House."

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2. Underground Line Extension

The Company will estimate its cost of providing the necessary equipment to connect the Customer's line extension to the Company's distribution system. The Customer will be required to pay an "Underground Installation Charge" equal to such estimated cost minus an amount equal to the cost of the "Allowed Overhead Line Distance per House"

If an overhead line extension is built in combination with an underground line extension, the credit for the "Allowed Overhead Line Distance" will only be applied once.

When the above results in a negative number, there shall be no "Underground Installation Charge."

3. Payment Terms

If the "Overhead/Underground Installation Charge" is less than \$3,000, the Customer will be required to pay the entire amount before the start of the construction.

If the "Overhead/Underground Installation Charge" is \$3,000 or greater, the Customer will have the option to either pay the entire amount before the start of the construction, or sign an agreement to pay the amount in 60 equal monthly payments, plus interest at the rate of interest applicable to the Company's customer deposit accounts at the time of execution of the payment agreement.

The Company reserves the right to place a lien on the property until such time that the obligation is fulfilled.

4. More Than One Customer

Where overhead service is requested by more than one Customer under this policy at the same time, for the same line, the "Overhead Installation Charge" will be apportioned among those Customers, based on the amount of line attributable to each Customer. The Company will determine the equitable apportioning of the total estimated construction costs between the Customers. The calculation of the "Overhead Installation Charge" shall allow for a credit equal to "Allowed Overhead Line Distance per House" for each Customer.

5. Customer Added After Initial Construction

At the original Customer's request, if a new Customer (or group of Customers) is supplied service from facilities constructed under this policy, and if such service begins within five years from the date of the first payment received by the Company from the original Customer or group of Customers, the Company will require such new Customer(s) to make a prorated contribution to the payment of the initial "Overhead Installation Charge." Any contribution received from a new Customer(s) will be used to proportionately reduce the original Customer's "Overhead Installation Charge." The Company will determine the equitable apportioning of the total estimated construction costs between the Customers. However, no refunds will be paid in excess of the original Customer(s) "Overhead Installation Charge." In addition, a credit for the "Allowed Overhead Line Distance per House" for each Customer will be applied.

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6. Change of Customer

The Customer must agree, as a condition for the line extension monthly payments, that if the Customer sells, leases or otherwise transfers control and use of the home to another individual (“New Occupant”), and such “New Occupant” opens a new account with the Company, the Customer will obtain an agreement from the “New Occupant” to pay the remaining balance as prescribed in the agreement of the Overhead Installation Charge that would have been owed by the Customer at that location. Unless the “New Occupant” signs a new superseding payment agreement with the Company, the original Customer will remain personally liable for the balance owed.

V. Line Extension Agreement

The Company may require the Customer to sign an agreement setting forth the terms of this policy and any other terms that the Company deems are reasonably necessary in connection with the installation to the Customer’s home, provided that such terms are not inconsistent with the terms expressed in this policy.

The Company, at its sole discretion, may refuse the request for a line extension if appropriate permits and easements cannot be obtained or if applicable codes and standards cannot be met.

The Company will begin construction when the service agreement and easement (if required) are signed and the payment is received.

The Company may, at its option, decline to undertake construction during the period of December 1 to April 1 of each year.

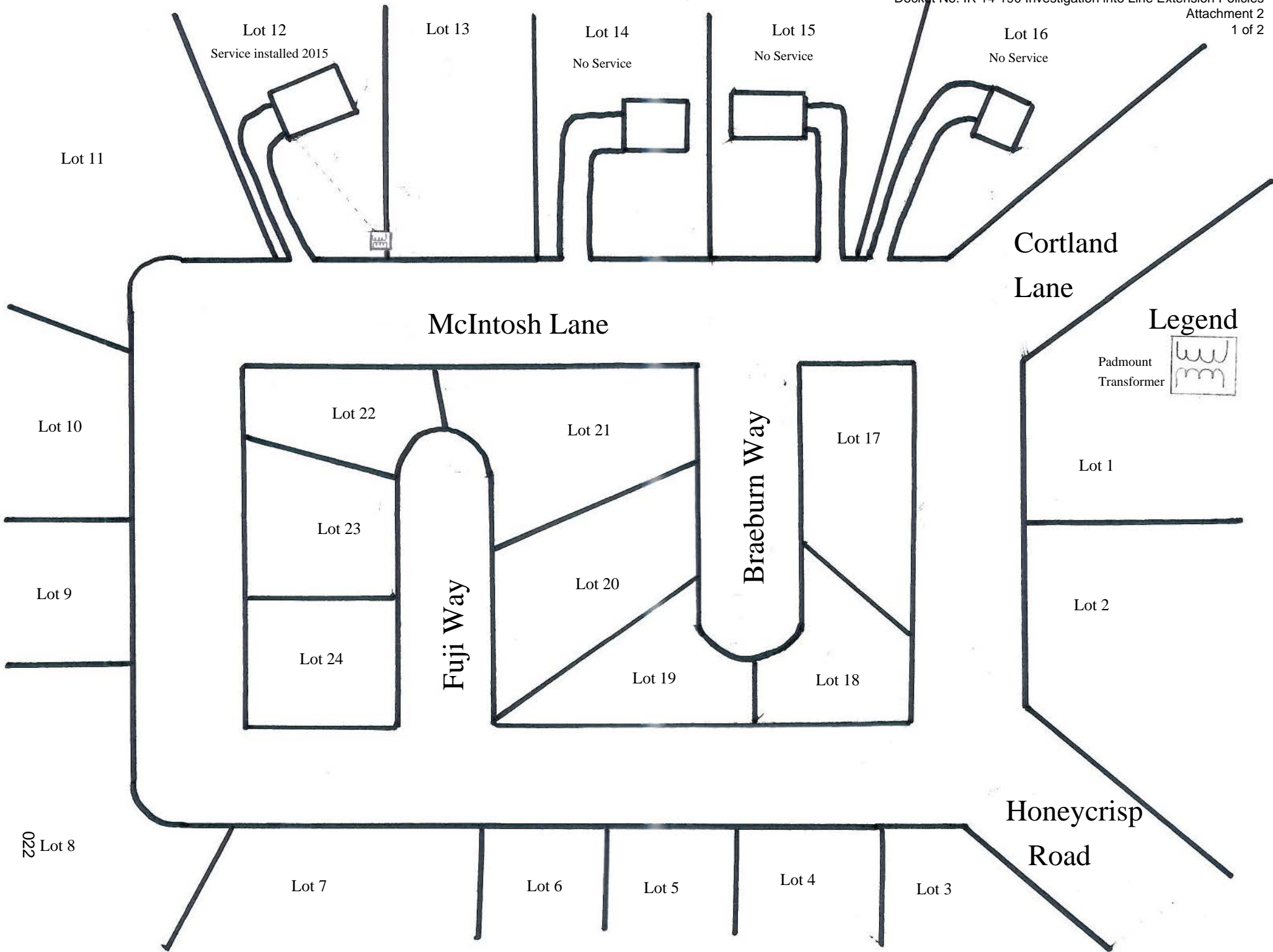
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Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Docket No. IR 14-190 Investigation into Line Extension Policies
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Year 2020 Lot Drawing B

