

WASHINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

POLICY BULLETIN NO. 82

SUBJECT: POLE ATTACHMENTS

POLICY: These pole attachment rates shall be applicable to the attachment of lines, wires, cables, or other facilities by an Attaching Entity seeking to attach to a pole owned by Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative").

For the purposes of this tariff, an Attachment is defined as any strand, hardware, cable, wires, and/or apparatus attached to a pole and owned by an Attaching Entity.

RATE 1: \$11.80 per attachment

Applicability: This rate shall apply to all Attaching Entities that are not subject to Rate 2

RATE 2: \$72.68 annual per pole rental, calculated as follows:

Calculation: \$9.44 per foot x 7.7 feet of occupied space

Applicability: This rate shall be the rate applicable to Fairpoint and its successors only, based on the following studies conducted by the Cooperative:

- A. A study of the average pole space actually occupied by Fairpoint (the successor of Verizon Telephone Company) attachments on poles owned by the Cooperative, conducted in accordance with rule 3.706 (D)(1)(a), determined to average 7.7 feet. (Submitted with WEC Docket 6654.)
- B. A study of the average pole height, conducted in accordance with Rule 3.706 (D)(2)(a), determined to be 38.5 feet. (Submitted with WEC Docket 6654.)

BILLING

PROCEDURE: Attachment charges shall be billed in advance, on or about January 1 annually, and shall be payable within thirty (30) days of billing. The attachment charges shall be based on the number of poles for which permits have been issued to the Attaching Entity as of December 31 of the preceding year. A late payment fee shall accrue and be payable at the rate of 1¼% per month commencing thirty (30) days after the billing date.

Other Charges: The Attaching Entity shall be billed in advance for all charges associated with make-ready survey and make-ready work, based on an estimate of costs to be incurred by the Cooperative. The estimated cost of the make-ready survey shall be paid in advance of the Cooperative performing the make-ready survey. After completion of the make-ready survey, if the Attaching Entity authorizes the Cooperative to complete the make-ready work, all additional estimated costs shall be payable in advance. The costs of the make-ready survey shall be payable even if the entity decides not to go forward with construction of its attachments.

After completion of the make-ready work, the Attaching Entity shall pay the cost of all make-ready work actually required for the attachment that has not been pre-paid, or shall be refunded any excess of the prepayment not actually required.

TERMS AND

CONDITIONS: Subject to the provisions of Vermont Public Service Board Rule 3.700, as amended effective July 10, 2020, the terms and conditions contained in a Tariff for Cost, Maintenance, and Use of Poles which takes effect on or after October 1, 2020, shall apply to any Attaching Entity which has or makes attachments to poles owned by the Cooperative. (Submitted with WEC Docket #7987.)

BOARD APPROVED:

Attest, _____
Anne Reed, Secretary

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2020