

Polyphase Line Extension

In May of 2002, the Maine Public Utilities Commission issued changes to its Chapter 395 - Construction Standards and Ownership and Cost Allocation Rules for Electric Distribution Line Extensions (The Rule). The Rule requires Maine utilities to begin to fully reallocate construction costs paid by customers for polyphase services, beginning on December 1, 2002, as detailed in Chapter 395. Reallocation means that each customer pays their fair share of the costs of all shared lines (both for polyphase or single phase) including applicable three phase transformer costs.

CMP will keep a record of the location and cost of your new polyphase line for 20 years from the energized date, or until fully allocated. If additional customers (either single phase or polyphase) subsequently request service from the facilities or transformers you paid CMP to construct or install, CMP will charge the new customer their fair share of the facilities and transformers they use in common, based on Chapter 395. After the customer's account is energized, those payments will be paid to you and all other customers who share the cost of the line.

CMP will calculate the customer's fair share of line extension charges based on the original cost to construct the line, the portion of the facilities used by each customer, and the number of customers sharing any portion of the cost of the line, as outlined in Chapter 395. CMP will administer collection of payments and redistribute those payments for 20 years from the time the line was first energized, not only to the original customer who paid for the line, but each subsequent customer who paid for a portion of the line.

The Rule does, however, eliminate sharing of the cost of the lines where it is reasonable to expect that two or more parcels in the property will be offered for sale. If the construction is to serve multiple lots, buildings in a development, or multi-unit projects, the developer should recover the cost by including it in the sale or rental of the parcels.

In the event the property served by this line is sold or otherwise conveyed, all rights and obligations of the line shall stay with the property. Please note that if you rent or lease this property to another (and it is not part of a development), if you want to receive the reimbursement payments, special

arrangements must be made with your local service center. Otherwise, any reimbursement payments will be sent to the "customer" taking service at the service location.

If there are any questions, please contact a New Service Representative at **1-800-565-3181**.



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