



# Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

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The policy of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for electric extensions is to provide service to any new customer.

1. A permanent extension may be constructed without a customer or developer contribution if the estimated project cost is equal to or less than 2.684 times the estimated annual revenue (2.684 to 1 ratio).
2. If the estimated project cost is greater than 2.684 times the estimated annual revenue, the extension will be made only with a customer contribution, which may be refundable.
  - a. Contribution -
    - 1) When a contribution is required of any customer, with the exception of those customers defined in 2) below, the formula for determining the amount of the contribution required shall be as follows: Total project cost less 2.684 times annual revenue equals contribution amount.
    - 2) The contribution requirement for developers of subdivisions and industrial customers shall be the estimated project cost.
    - 3) The contribution shall be a one-time payment prior to construction.
    - 4) A minimum annual bill equal to the estimated annual revenue used in the contribution formula, will be applicable for a period of five (5) years. This amount will be as set forth on the Electric Service Agreement.
    - 5) Upon completion of construction, where actual costs are less than the estimated construction costs, a refund will be made for the difference, but not for an amount less than \$25.00. No additional contribution will be requested from the customer where actual construction costs exceed the estimate unless unusual construction difficulties are encountered.

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b. Refund -

- 1) If within a five-year period from the date initial service is established, one or more additional customers are added to the above-referred-to extension, Company shall recompute the contribution required by combining the proposed project costs for the new customer(s) with the project costs of those customers already taking service. If, by so combining the project costs, the contribution of those customers already taking service would be less, Company shall make a proportionate refund, without interest, to those customers taking service prior to commencement of service to said additional customer(s).
- 2) If a customer makes a refundable contribution, the Company will refund to the customer annually, for a period of five years from the date service becomes available to the customer, an amount equal to fifty percent of the customer's bill, after first deducting the annual minimum, which minimum shall be equal to the estimated annual revenue used in the contribution formula, provided, however, that no refunds shall be made in excess of the amount contributed. The annual refund shall be paid only after the electric service bills for that year have been paid in full.
- 3) Refunds for developers of subdivisions shall be made for each lot connected based on the following calculation: Total refundable contribution divided by the number of lots that can be served from the extension equals refund per lot. In addition, the total revenue of the subdivision will be reviewed annually to determine if adequate revenues are being generated so that the contribution formula would indicate a zero contribution. When this revenue level is reached, a refund will be made to the developer equal to the remaining contribution amount still held by the Company.

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- 4) No refund shall be made by Company to customer(s) or developer after the aforementioned five-year period has expired.
- 5) No interest will be paid by Company to customer(s) on any amount customer(s) has paid to Company as a contribution in aid of construction for the project.
3. Project cost shall exclude the service line(s), transformer(s), and meter. The service line is considered to be the low voltage conductors between the Company owned transformer or secondary system and the customer owned service entrance equipment.
4. Company will deliver electricity to customer at the same rate approved by the Wyoming Public Service Commission.
5. Where a contribution in aid of construction is required to provide service, such extension is subject to prior execution by customer and Company of Company's standard agreement for extensions.
6. Where abnormal conditions exist, causing extraordinary costs on any part of the extension (e.g., railroad or river crossing, land clearing, special permits, etc.), a charge may be made equal to the additional cost incurred by reason of the abnormal conditions.
7. Temporary loads, such as gravel pit operations, carnivals, etc., shall follow the Company rules for temporary services.

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