

ELECTRIC SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE E-15

A. APPLICABILITY:

This Rate Schedule applies to all connections, interconnections, expansions, and upgrades to the City's Electric Distribution System, except connections that serve street lighting or traffic signals.

B. TERRITORY:

This Rate Schedule applies anywhere the City of Palo Alto provides Electric Service.

C. CHARGES:

All Charges must be pre-paid by the Applicant prior to the scheduling of any construction or connections to the City's Electrical Distribution System.

1. ADVANCE ENGINEERING FEES

The Applicant must pay all Advance Engineering Fees to start the engineering process which are non-refundable. The Advance Engineering Fees will be credited against the estimated job cost prior to the collection of construction fees. For Service connections applicable to fixed electric service connection fees, CPAU will not require Advance Engineering Fees.

2. UNDERGROUND SYSTEMS

(A) Service Connection Charges:

Service Connection Charges are required when the City connects any Customer to the City's electrical Distribution System. A one-time waiver of this fee may be granted for Services connected during the construction of an underground utility district.

- (1) Residential or Small Commercial - Single service, single phase, 200 (or less) and 400 amp services that do not require customer contribution for transformer upgrades or replacement.

These fees apply to single-family dwellings, with or without an ADU, and small commercial businesses.

- (a) For a 250 volt maximum, 200 amp or less underground service \$3,940.00
- (b) For a 250 volt maximum, 400 amp underground service \$4,360.00

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- (c) For any connection requiring greater capacity or system upgrades, the fee shall be CPAU’s estimate of the installation cost.

(B) On-site Distribution System Charges:

Where the customer is financially responsible for CPAU installations of underground conductors (primary or secondary), switches or transformers in and on facilities provided by the developer within the boundaries of a sub-division or other development, an on-site distribution system fee shall be charged, based on CPAU’s estimate of all applicable installation costs.

(C) Off-Site Distribution System Charges:

Where the customer is financially responsible for CPAU installations of an Electric Distribution system, system extension, or system reinforcement outside the boundaries of a sub-division or other development to be served, an off-site distribution system fee shall apply, based on CPAU’s estimate of all applicable installation costs.

3. OVERHEAD SYSTEMS

Connection Charges shall apply for all new single-phase Services or Service upgrades 400 amps or less.

(A) Overhead Service Connection Replacement Charges:

- (1) Residential or Commercial – Single service, single phase, for 200 amps (or less) and 400 amps services that do not require customer contribution to transformer upgrades or replacement.

These fees apply to single-family dwellings, with or without ADU, or small commercial businesses.

- (a) For a 250 volt maximum, 200 amp or less, 3 wire services, single phase overhead service of 80 feet in length maximum \$2,910.00
- (b) For a 250 volt maximum, 400 amp, single phase overhead services, 80 feet in length maximum services.....\$3,540.00
- (c) For all other connections, the fee shall be CPAU’s estimate of the installation cost.



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- (2) Charges for replacement or upgraded Overhead Services not described above, shall be based on CPAU’s estimate of applicable costs.

4. TEMPORARY SERVICE

(A) Overhead Temporary Service Charges:

- (1) For a 250 volt, 200 amp or less, 3 wire service, within 50 feet if a suitable secondary system \$1,040.00
- (2) Fees for a Temporary Service of greater length and capacity or voltage shall be based on CPAU’s estimate of all applicable installation and removal costs, or \$1,040.00, whichever is greater.

(B) Underground Temporary Service Charges:

- (1) For a 250 volt, 200 amp or less, 3-wire maximum service, within 100 feet of suitable secondary system and service box. Customer is responsible for all substructure.\$1,060.00
- (2) If a suitable secondary system and/or service box is not available at the property, the Customer will be responsible for all cost necessary to extend or rearrange the system to allow for the temporary electric service.
- (3) Fees for a Temporary Service of greater length and capacity or Voltage shall be based on CPAU’s estimate of the installation and removal costs, or \$1,060.00, whichever is greater.

5. GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION

CPAU shall charge a fee for evaluation of Generator (Photo Voltaic (PV), Energy Storage System (ESS)) Interconnection Applications performed pursuant to Rule and Regulation 27.

(A) Advance Engineering Fees:

- (1) Projects with a size less than or equal to 10kW in capacity.....\$520.00



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- (2) All Projects which are greater than 10 kW and less than 100 kW in capacity\$1,140.00
- (3) All Projects which are greater than or equal to 100 kW and less than 500 kW in capacity \$7,560.00
- (4) All Projects which are 500 kW or greater in capacity \$14,500.00

(B) Supplemental and Detailed Studies:

- (1) Supplemental and Detailed Study fees for all Net Energy Metering Projects requiring additional study per Rule and Regulation 27 shall be based on CPAU’s estimate of applicable costs.

(C) Interconnection Review Charges:

- (1) All projects less than or equal to 10 kW \$520.00
- (2) Interconnection fees for all Projects not covered under section 4(C)(1) will be based on CPAU’s estimate of applicable costs.

6. PALO ALTO CLEAN LOCAL ENERGY ACCESSIBLE NOW PROGRAM

Meter maintenance and administrative service Charge for Generators participating in the Palo Alto Clean Local Energy Accessible Now (CLEAN) Program \$207.00

D. CREDITS:

Rebates or credits may be available to defray electric service connection chargers, if the service upgrade is a result of higher electrical loads caused by electric vehicle charging. For additional information visit: <https://www.paloalto.gov/Departments/Utilities> or call 650-329-2241

E. NOTES:

- 1. These Charges apply to all vacant land except where the Charges are recorded as previously paid.



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2. CPAU can generally provide service availability from 30 to 45 days after all Charges are paid except when long lead-time equipment or materials are required. Consult the City for estimated lead-times.
3. All fees and minimum charges are subject to DGS California Construction Cost Index (CCCI) adjustments, to be applied annually effective on July 1.
4. CPAU is not responsible for delays in Service connection caused by conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, delays in the arrival of equipment such as transformers, switches and cable.

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