



Summary:

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) Rules Governing Water and Electric Service have been modified to change the way customers are charged for an underground distribution line extension in public property. Per the revised rule 15-E section I.1, underground distribution line extension costs for conduits and substructures in public property will be shared between all identified customers, present and future, that will benefit from such conduits and structures for projects submitted to the LADWP on or after September 1, 2023. Customers requesting underground distribution line extensions in public property will be required to pay the portion of the costs the LADWP determines their project is responsible for both new and existing infrastructure installed under this new rule. Finally, future customers will pay their share of the infrastructure built for projects designated by the Mayor's office as 100 percent affordable or supportive housing and newly submitted during the existence of a local emergency due to homelessness declared by the Mayor.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is an underground distribution line extension and how much will I have to pay?

An underground distribution line extension involves the installation of conduits, substructures, cables, and electrical equipment from existing and new infrastructure in public property. The underground distribution line

extension costs for conduits and substructures only in public property will vary and be shared between your new project as well as identified present and future customers. The LADWP will complete the cost estimate based on the new rule and will provide the final cost after the distribution line extension design has been completed.

2. Will I be reimbursed for the construction cost benefiting future customers or the LADWP if my contractor builds the conduits and structures in public property?

Yes. The LADWP will reimburse the customer when the customer's contractor builds the underground distribution line extension infrastructure in public property after construction is completed and inspected by the LADWP and the Los Angeles Department of Public Works. The reimbursement will only include the amount of the construction work shared by future customers or the LADWP. Please contact the LADWP engineer assigned to your project for details.

3. What infrastructure costs are shared with future customers and the LADWP?

Design and construction costs for conduits and substructures in public property will be shared. Other costs related to the underground distribution

line extension will be the responsibility of the customer initiating the underground distribution line extension, including conduits in a separate trench terminating at the customer's property, and the LADWP inspection fees if applicable. Additionally, fees issued by other agencies include but are not limited to; the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, inspection, permit, street damage restoration fees, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation fees, regulatory agencies fees, telecommunication, gas, the LADWP water, and other foreign utility relocation costs, and the Los Angeles County or state agency costs. Finally, the cost to design and approval of traffic control and shoring plans if required is the responsibility of the customer initiating the underground distribution line extension.

4. What portion of the cost is the LADWP responsible for?

The LADWP is responsible for portions of the conduits reserved for the LADWP beyond the minimum portion of the conduits to provide electricity and reliability to the customers served.

5. Will the new rule change increase the timeline to complete an underground distribution line extension?

No. The new rule will not impact the underground distribution line extension schedule discussed with the lead engineer. The LADWP continuously monitors and seeks to improve the customer experience.

6. Why do I have to pay so much to connect to the existing infrastructure in front of my property?

The cost to connect to existing infrastructure is much less than the total cost for an underground distribution line extension. New underground distribution line extensions built under the new rule, identify existing and future customers that will benefit from the installed underground distribution line extension, and each customer is charged a portion of the total cost.