

**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 that do not require a job estimate, 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 conversion district.

(1) Residential - Single Family

These fees apply to a development in which Electric Metering will be on a single-family basis.

(a) For a 250 volt maximum, 200 amp or less service .....\$1,040

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- (b) For any connection requiring greater capacity the fee shall be CPAU’s estimate of the installation cost or \$1040, whichever is greater.
- (c) For a 250 volt maximum, 200 amp max service from a rear easement.....\$2,330
- (d) For any rear easement connection requiring greater capacity the fee shall be CPAU’s estimate of the installation cost or \$2330, whichever is greater.

(2) Commercial/Industrial

These fees apply to commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential services.

- (a) For a 250 volt maximum, 200 amp or less service .....\$1,420
- (b) For any connection requiring greater capacity, the fee shall be CPAU’s estimate of the installation costs or \$1420, whichever is greater.

(B) On-site Distribution System Charges:

Where CPAU installs or will install the 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 CPAU installs or will install 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 Services or Service upgrades exceeding 200 amps.

(A) Overhead Service Connection Replacement Charges:

- (1) Residential – Single Family

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These fees apply to development in which Electric Metering will be on a single-family basis.

- (a) For a 250 volt maximum, 200 amp or less, 3 and 4 wire services, 100 feet in length maximum services .....\$1,040
- (b) For a 250 volt maximum, 200 amp or less, 3 and 4 wire services, 100 feet in length maximum services, mid-span connection .....\$2,370
- (c) For all others the fee shall be CPAU’s estimate of the installation cost or \$1040, whichever is greater.

(2) Commercial/Industrial

These fees apply to commercial, industrial, multi-family residential Services.

- (a) For a 250 volt maximum, 200 amp or less, 3 and 4 wire services, 100 feet in length maximum service .....\$1,440
- (b) For all others the fee shall be CPAU’s estimate of the installation cost or \$1440, whichever is greater.

(3) Charges for replacement of 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, 3 wire service, 100 feet in length maximum service .....\$1,190
- (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 \$1,190, whichever is greater.

(B) Underground Temporary Service Charges:

- (1) For a 250 volt, 200 amp, 3-wire maximum service, If a Service box is available at the property .....\$1,190

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- (2) If a Service box is not available at the property, the Customer will be responsible for fees to provide a Service box.
- (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 \$1190, whichever is greater.

**5. GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION**

CPAU shall charge a fee for evaluation of Generator Interconnection Applications performed pursuant to Rule and Regulation 27.

(A) Advance Engineering Fees:

- (1) Net Energy Metering projects or projects with a size less than or equal to 10 kW taking Service under the Net Energy Metering Successor Program.....\$0
- (2) All Projects not covered under section 4(A)(1), which are greater than 10 kW and less than 100 kW in capacity .....\$840
- (3) All Projects not covered under section 4(A)(1), which are greater than or equal to 100 kW and less than 500 kW in capacity .....\$5,550
- (4) All Projects not covered under section 4(A)(1), which are 500 kW or greater in capacity .....\$10,700

(B) Detailed Study:

- (1) Net Energy Metering projects or projects with a size less than or equal to 10 kW taking Service under the Net Energy Metering Successor Program).....\$0
- (2) Detailed Study fees for all Projects not covered under section 4(B)(1) shall be based on CPAU’s estimate.

(C) Interconnection Charges:

- (1) Net Energy Metering projects or projects taking Service under the Net Energy Metering Successor Program) .....\$0

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- (2) All projects less than or equal to 10 kW not under section 4(C)(1) .....\$152
- (3) Interconnection fees for all Projects not covered under section 4(C)(1) or 4(C)(2) will be based on CPAU’s estimate.

**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 .....\$34.73

**G. 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.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/utl/> or call 650-329-2241

**H. NOTES:**

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