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## City of Kelowna

# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** November 26, 2007  
**FILE:** 1824-02  
**TO:** City Manager  
**FROM:** Electrical Administration Manager  
**RE:** **AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF KELOWNA ELECTRICITY  
REGULATION BYLAW NO. 7639**

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives the report from the Electrical Administration Manager, dated November 26, 2007 regarding flat rate fees for single meter electrical service connections;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare the necessary amending bylaw.

### BACKGROUND:

On October 22, Council approved revisions to the Electrical Bylaw for a user pay system for customers requesting upgrades to their electrical services or for service to new buildings. It has been identified in further discussion with our contract provider Fortis BC that flat rate fees would more efficient and equitable for single meter customers requiring 200 amps or less of power. It was identified that depending on property location relative to the electrical system costs could vary dramatically and also triggers the consideration of latecomers in some cases. As well, flat rates would also allow for considerable reduced administration efforts by both the City and Fortis BC. The rates proposed will still capture recovery of all costs for these categories of customers. Previously approved user fees for services greater than 200 amps or multi meter customers would continue to be full user pay.

We would recommend the following revisions:

### **SCHEDULE B**

#### Section III: UNDERGROUND SERVICES

- Delete the words "and cable" from the following paragraph;

"B-11.2 The **Customer** shall be responsible for 100% of all trenching, conduit and cable from customers point of service to the City of Kelowna point of attachment for all underground service. A minimum 7.62 m., (3in) PVC of DB2 conduit with bell ends and long sweep bend shall be required.";



Under Schedule C remove Appendix C-13 and replace with:

APPENDIX C-13

Electrical Service Connection Charge for Single Family Properties:

1. New/Temporary /Upgrade or Relocation Underground and/or Overhead:

	Overhead	Underground From Service Box	Underground From Pole
200 amp service or less, during regular hours	\$680	\$725	\$1600

\*\* All residential **service** greater than 200 amps will be considered commercial and will pay 100% of actual costs based on a cost estimate (minimum fee 680.00)

**INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:**

Director of Financial Services  
Financial Planning Manager

Considerations not applicable to this report:

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY: N/A

LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS: N/A

EXISTING POLICY: N/A

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: N/A

EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

  
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Approved for inclusion:  
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Director of Works & Utilities