

# New Business Service Fee Update

2021-2024 Plan

January 2021

## Background

Tacoma Power charges standardized fees for common new services work. These fees were last updated in 2009. Costs have increased such that fee revenue no longer covers costs.

- Fees do not reflect general cost escalation over 10+ years.
- The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries clarified electrical service disconnect and reconnect rules in 2017. The new ruling exacerbated the total fixed-fee under-recovery.
- In the 2018/2019 period, under-recoveries averaged about \$640,000.

Utilizing a sample of actual cost from SAP, staff audited and averaged actual costs for each type of service work, then adjusted the results for anticipated cost changes, such as wage increases that are already embedded in union contracts, and general inflation.

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- August 26<sup>th</sup>: Presentation of initial fee proposal
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Presentation of more gradualist proposal

#### **Stakeholder Outreach to Master Builders Association**

- September 8<sup>th</sup>: notice of intent to change fee
- November 10<sup>th</sup>: proposed adjustment schedule
- No feedback received

#### **New Services Fees – Alternative Proposal** TACOMA **E** POWER TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES

**Fee Description** 

ELE00240 Connect New 200A Service to an Existing SSB

Fee

Code

ELE00230

**ELE00250** 

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Install and Connect New 200A Service and SSB to an Existing Transformer	\$1,075.00	\$1,589.25	\$2,103.50	\$2,617.75	\$3,132.00	S
Connect New 200A, Single-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary	\$675.00	\$866.50	\$1,058.00	\$1,249.50	<b>\$1,441.00</b>	SD3 Rates
Connect New 320A, Single-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary	\$675.00	\$866.50	\$1,058.00	\$1,249.50	\$1,441.00	<u>:000</u>
Connect New 200A, Three-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary	\$1,395.00	\$1,470.25	\$1,545.50	\$1,620.75	<b>\$1,696.00</b>	
Connect 200A, Single-Phase Temporary Service to Existing Overhead Secondary or SSB	\$275.00	\$313.00	\$351.00	\$389.00	\$427.00	
Install New 200A Service, SSB, Conduit, and Wire to an existing Power Pole	\$2,150.00	\$2,620.50	\$3,091.00	\$3,561.50	\$4,032.00	
Install New 320A Service, SSB, Conduits, and Wire to an existing Power Pole	\$2,495.00	\$2,901.25	\$3,307.50	\$3,713.75	\$4,120.00	
Install New 200A Service and Wire to an Existing Power Pole in Customer-Provided Conduit	\$1,060.00	\$1,548.00	\$2,036.00	\$2,524.00	<b>\$3,012.00</b>	
Connect Street Light Circuit to an Overhead or Underground Secondary Service	\$185.00	\$237.50	\$290.00	\$342.50	\$395.00	
Connect Cable/DSL Service to an Overhead or Underground Secondary Service	\$185.00	\$237.50	\$290.00	\$342.50	\$395.00 -	

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OH =overhead UG =underground

ELE00250	Overhead Secondary	\$675.00	\$866.50	\$1,058.00	\$1,249.50	\$1,441.00
ELE00250	Connect New 320A, Single-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary	\$675.00	\$866.50	\$1,058.00	\$1,249.50	\$1,441.00
ELE00255	Connect New 200A, Three-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary	\$1,395.00	\$1,470.25	\$1,545.50	\$1,620.75	<b>\$1,696.00</b>
ELE00260	Connect 200A, Single-Phase Temporary Service to Existing Overhead Secondary or SSB	\$275.00	\$313.00	\$351.00	\$389.00	\$427.00
ELE00270	Install New 200A Service, SSB, Conduit, and Wire to an existing Power Pole	\$2,150.00	\$2,620.50	\$3,091.00	\$3,561.50	\$4,032.00
ELE00280	Install New 320A Service, SSB, Conduits, and Wire to an existing Power Pole	\$2,495.00	\$2,901.25	\$3,307.50	\$3,713.75	\$4,120.00
ELE00290	Install New 200A Service and Wire to an Existing Power Pole in Customer-Provided Conduit	\$1,060.00	\$1,548.00	\$2,036.00	\$2,524.00	\$3,012.00
ELE00300	Connect Street Light Circuit to an Overhead or Underground Secondary Service	\$185.00	\$237.50	\$290.00	\$342.50	\$395.00
ELE00310	Connect Cable/DSL Service to an Overhead or Underground Secondary Service	\$185.00	\$237.50	\$290.00	\$342.50	<b>\$395.00</b>
ELE00500	Service Reconnect Fee	\$185.00	\$215.50	\$246.00	\$276.50	\$307.00
ELE00630	Install Communications Conduits in addition to Power Conduits while Installing an SSB	\$140.00	\$149.25	\$158.50	\$167.75	\$177.00
ELE00640	Install a Rental Light Pole on Private Property	\$532.00	\$557.75	\$583.50	\$609.25	\$635.00

Current

\$275.00

2021

\$344.00

#### **New Services Fees – Alternative Proposal TACOMA TACOMA**

**Fee Description** 

Install and Connect New 200A Service and SSB to an Existing Transformer

Connect New 200A, Single-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary

Connect New 320A, Single-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary

Connect New 200A, Three-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary

Install New 200A Service, SSB, Conduit, and Wire to an existing Power Pole

Install New 320A Service, SSB, Conduits, and Wire to an existing Power Pole

Connect Street Light Circuit to an Overhead or Underground Secondary Service

Connect Cable/DSL Service to an Overhead or Underground Secondary Service

Install Communications Conduits and Power Conduits while Installing an SSB

Install New 200A Service and Wire to an Existing Pole in Customer-Conduit

Connect 200A, Single-Phase Temp Service to Existing Overhead Secondary or SSB

Connect New 200A Service to an Existing SSB

Install a Rental Light Pole on Private Property

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This table shows the year-over-year dollar change of the suggested rate proposal.
An application fee of \$50.00 will also be implemented in 2021.

Service Reconnect Fee

Fee

Code

ELE00240

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### New Services Fees – Alternative Proposal TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES

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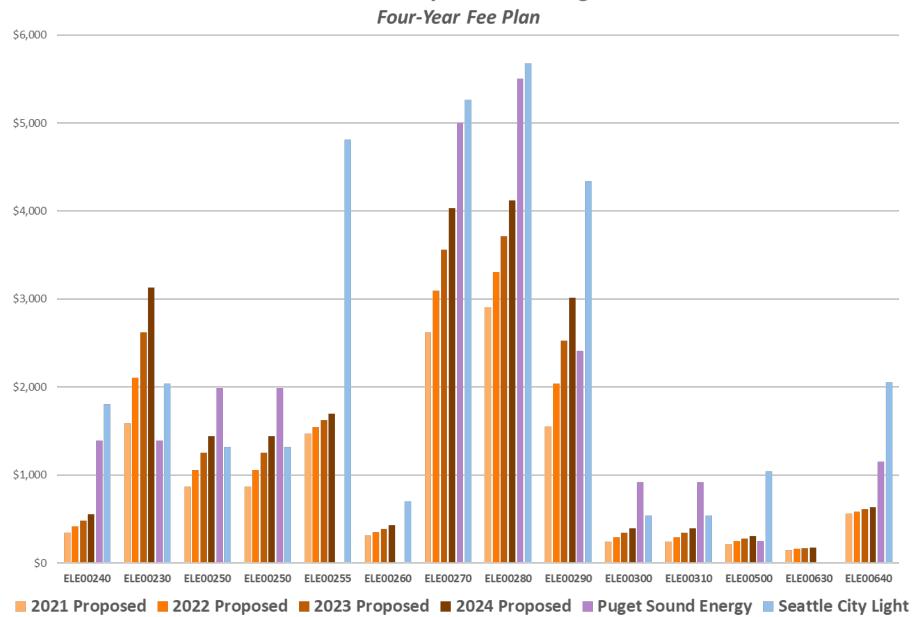
Fee Code	Fee Description	2021	2022	2023	2024
ELE00240	Connect New 200A Service to an Existing SSB	25%	20%	17%	14%
ELE00230	Install and Connect New 200A Service and SSB to an Existing Transformer	48%	32%	24%	20%
ELE00250	Connect New 200A, Single-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary	28%	22%	18%	15%
ELE00250	Connect New 320A, Single-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary	28%	22%	18%	15%
ELE00255	Connect New 200A, Three-Phase Service to an Existing Overhead Secondary	5%	5%	5%	5%
ELE00260	Connect 200A, Single-Phase Temp Service to Existing Overhead Secondary or SSB	14%	12%	11%	10%
ELE00270	Install New 200A Service, SSB, Conduit, and Wire to an existing Power Pole	22%	18%	15%	13%
ELE00280	Install New 320A Service, SSB, Conduits, and Wire to an existing Power Pole	16%	14%	12%	11%
ELE00290	Install New 200A Service and Wire to an Existing Pole in Customer-Conduit	46%	32%	24%	19%
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ELE00500	Service Reconnect Fee	16%	14%	12%	11%
ELE00630	Install Communications Conduits and Power Conduits while Installing an SSB	7%	6%	6%	6%
ELE00640	Install a Rental Light Pole on Private Property	5%	5%	4%	4%

This table shows the year-over-year percentage change of the suggested rate proposal.

### **Fee Comparisons**



#### **Peer Utility Benchmarking**



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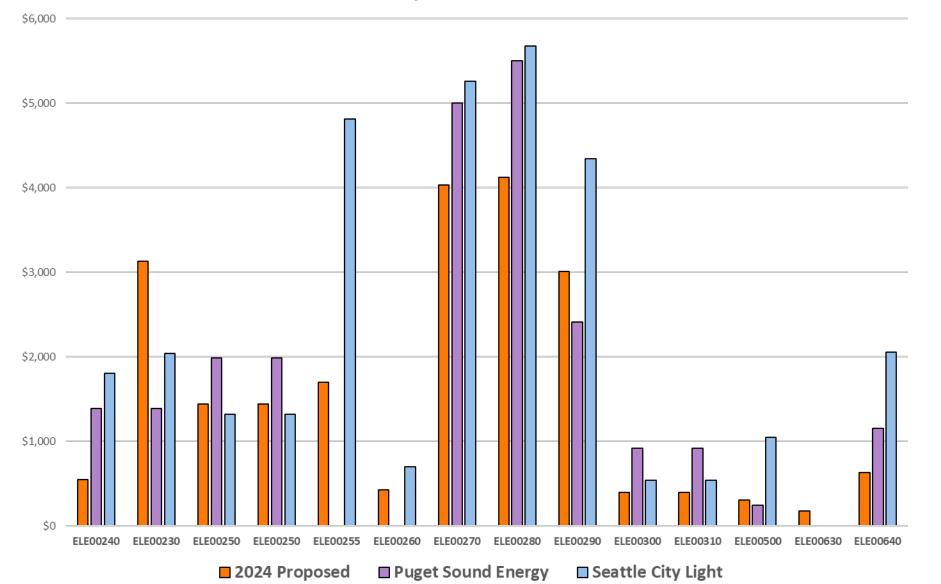
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### **Fee Comparisons**



#### **Peer Utility Benchmarking**

At End of Four-Year Fee Plan



**SD2** Financial Stability

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SD1 Equity and Inclusion



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