



City of Seattle
Seattle City Light Department

DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE

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DECORATIVE LIGHTING

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1.0 Policy

This policy applies to the electrification of street decorations; related charges shall apply to 120-volt, weatherproof, duplex outlets installed on existing wooden poles or metal streetlight poles where secondary power is available. If a temporary service or other materials are required, additional charges shall apply.

- 1.1 The kilowatt-hours billed shall be based on connected electrical load and estimated hours of operation.
- 1.2 The Department's Electric Service Representatives shall notify Customer Assistance (New Accounts Section) of the cut-in and cut-out dates and kilowatt-hours to be billed.
- 1.3 The decorator must secure a street use permit and have insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 public liability and property damage as required by the Executive Services Department, Contracting Administration and Compliance Section.
- 1.4 Requirements Governing Electrically Operated Street Decorations.

The following minimum requirements shall be met by parties obtaining street use permits for installation of temporary electrically operated street decorations:

- 1.4.1 Electric service requests for temporary street decorations shall be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the required service date. Electric service requests for Christmas

temporary street decorations shall be submitted no later than the first Monday in November.

- 1.4.2 Applicants for permits must submit to the Electric Service Representative a map or sketch showing location of proposed installation, indicating what poles are to be contacted by the type of attachment, and the total connected load per outlet. Copies of all maps or sketches are sent to the Streetlighting Unit. If the load per outlet exceeds 10 amps, it must be approved by a street light engineer or a street light crew supervisor.
- 1.4.3 Applicants must submit to the Electric Service Representative a detailed drawing or photograph of style of decorations to be attached and shall indicate the method of attachment.
 - 1.4.3.1 Decorations must be of fire retardant materials.
 - 1.4.3.2 Electrical wiring of the decorations must meet National Electrical Code standards and must be installed in a manner which safeguards the public and utility employees who may contact any part of them.
 - 1.4.3.3 The Streetlighting Supervisor, or Designated Employee shall inspect decorations for safety and compatibility with the system before connection.
- 1.4.4 Applicants must supply the Electric Service Representative with a deposit of \$400 to insure proper maintenance and removal of installation by permittee.
 - 1.4.4.1 Deposit shall be released after all decorations have been properly removed without Department assistance.
 - 1.4.4.2 Expenses incurred as a result of departmental assistance will be charged against the deposit; the remainder, if any, shall be returned to the applicant.
 - 1.4.4.3 Applicants shall be informed of the nonrefundable portion of the deposit at the time the deposit is made.
- 1.4.5 No electrical attachments shall be placed on poles, except those authorized by the utilities involved.
- 1.4.6 All applicable rules and sections of the Electrical Construction Rules for the State of Washington, including strength requirements, climbing and working space requirements, and clearances over streets and roads, must be observed.
- 1.4.7 Strength of service poles must be sufficient to bear the weight of the proposed attachments.
- 1.4.8 Steel bands shall not be used to attach decorations to wood utility poles.

1.4.9 Decorations that may have a high wind resistance or may cause hazardous vibrations of supporting structures shall not be allowed.

2.0 Charges

2.1 Material and Installations:

2.1.1 Wood Pole Installations:

For first duplex outlet \$357

For each additional duplex outlet installed on adjacent pole at the same time \$290

2.1.2 Underground-Fed Metal Pole Installations:

For first duplex outlet \$458

For each additional duplex outlet installed on adjacent pole at the same time \$402

2.1.3 For temporary service, see DPP 500 P III 417, Schedule 101, Installation Charges for Temporary Services.

2.2 All energy used shall be billed according to the energy charge component of Rate Schedules Small General Services – City, - Shoreline, Suburban, or – Tukwila.

2.3 When the provisions for connection to the existing Department system, through either a temporary service pole box (Policy 500 P 401 Schedule 101) or a decorative lighting outlet, have been made and if the electrical energy is available, the customer will be billed for the energy use only.

3.0 Appendix

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4.0 Revision History

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1.0	10-18-10	Revised to update charges and text.	Jackie Kirn