# NorthWester Energy

### PROPANE TARIFF

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Sheet No. Sheet No. R-6.1 R-6.1

Rule No. 6

#### LINE EXTENSIONS

Free Extension - Upon application for propane vapor service, the Utility shall make a line extension, including the main and service pipelines, free of charge to the applicant (except that the applicant shall furnish all necessary right-of-ways) to the extent that the cost of such line extension for service does not exceed \$1.40/Therm times the Utility's estimate of the annual consumption of the applicant.

## Extension Beyond Free Limit

- A. Where a line extension cost exceeds the free limit specified above in Rule No. 6-1, the Utility may require the applicant(s) to be served there from to advance such excess cost and to share such advance equitably. Whenever additional requests for service from this extension are received within 60 months from the date the extension is completed, and where their connection will not increase the average advance per customer, the Utility will:
  - 1. Collect from the new applicant(s) an advance or contribution representing an amount equal to the average advance for all customers on the extension including the new applicant.
  - 2. Refund to previously connected customers, their successors or assignees, or the current owner of the property, such an amount as is required to reduce their advance down to the average which would have resulted had the new applicant(s) been part of the original extension.
- B. No refunds will be made or credits allowed until the new applicants have become active propane vapor Customers of the Utility.
- C. If the addition of new customers will increase the average advance required from existing customers the extension shall be considered a new extension and separately treated.
- D. At the end of the 60-month period referred to above, no further refunds shall be made to the original customers.
- E. In estimating the above costs, pipe diameters in excess of four inches shall not be included unless such larger pipe is required for adequate supply to the customer(s).
- Extensions to Real Estate Subdivisions or Housing Projects Where a line extension is requested for a subdivision or housing project, the Utility may require the principal thereof to advance the entire cost of construction, and will subsequently refund this amount at the rate of \$1.40/Therm times the Utility's estimate of the annual consumption for each new customer served from these facilities, less the additional costs required to serve the customer at this new location, within 60 months from the date the basic extension is completed.

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R-6.2 R-6.2

Rule No. 6

#### LINE EXTENSIONS

- Minimum Requirement Only This rule is to be applied as providing a minimum free extension, which a customer may demand without cost. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the Utility from installing, without requiring reimbursement from customer, facilities in addition to the free extension where, in the opinion of the Utility, such facilities are reasonably justified by anticipated additional future load to be served, or where such additional facilities will be used for general system improvement or reasonable orderly development.
- 6-5 <u>Surcharge on Advances or Contributions</u>: Whenever, under the provisions of this Rule, an advance or contribution is required, the current surcharge as required by Utility operations shall be applied to such advance or contribution. This is to offset the effect caused by the Utility's delayed tax depreciation reimbursement of the current year tax on this advance or contribution. This surcharge is not applicable where such advances or contributions are the result of highway relocations or any government directed relocations that benefit the public and the government is not receiving utility service.

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