

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Primary trench (high voltage) must be 3 feet deep
2. Secondary trench (from transformer to meter base) must be 2 feet deep
3. Call for locates before any digging. The locate center number is 811
4. Customer or excavator/contractor must supply the trench with a Sch 40 2 1/2" -3" conduit and pull string
5. Average maximum distance for a secondary service line is 250 feet from the transformer. If further, primary (high voltage) cable needs to be installed to within appropriate distance.
6. Mason County PUD No. 1 requires a one (1) foot separation in joint trench. Electric cable goes in the trench first, then cover with approximately 1 foot of soil and install other utilities (telephone, cable TV, water lines, etc.) Or separate 1 foot at bottom of trench.
7. PUD No. 1 installs all facilities to and including the meter. The meter base and beyond is the responsibility of the customer.
8. PUD No. 1 connects to the top lugs of the meter base.
9. Customer can install and get State Electrical Inspection on the meter base prior to the PUD installing cable. (L&I does not inspect PUD's work) If the meter base is approved, PUD can install their facilities and energize service in one visit.
10. The customer or contractor must notify the PUD when the State Electrical Inspector has approved the service. PUD requires a 2 to 3 day notice to schedule installation of cable and other materials. (coordinate with the excavator)
11. PUD No. 1 requires a signed application for service, valid County address, and full payment of fees prior to installing a service. Under some circumstances a recorded utility easement will be required.

QUESTIONS ABOUT METER BASE AND RELATED WIRING?

Call Labor & Industries prior to 8:30 am

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