

New Construction: What To Expect

➤ BEFORE SITE VISIT

- Complete application
- Provide recorded landowner's deed
- Provide certificate of compliance if in Dimmit, Kinney, LaSalle, Starr, Webb or Zavala counties
- Pay \$100 engineering fee (non-refundable) and any required deposits
- Try to pre-determine route of line (MEC will assist during site visit) and decide meter location (house or meter pole)
- 40 feet of ROW must be cleared—20 feet on either side of the lines
- If easements are needed, you will be required to get deeds and ask for aerial easements from adjoining property owners. Any deeds and easements must be obtained by the member; will be determined at site visit.
- \$1,200 construction credit is available for permanent residences. Prior to site visit, location must have an adequate water supply, a connection to wastewater facilities, and a home that is constructed or placed on a permanent foundation. (For mobile home, all wheels, axles and hitch must be removed).

➤ SITE VISIT PROCESS

- All **private and underground lines and equipment** should be 30 feet or more away from either side of the electric lines. If the septic tank, lateral lines or any other privately owned lines or equipment are in the area where the power lines will be built, have them marked so our crews are aware of them.
- MEC will set meter poles and that cost will be included in the estimate. MEC provides the meter can to you.
- 200 amp meter loop can be purchased through MEC for \$620 plus applicable taxes. We recommend you use a licensed electrician for the installation. Wiring specifications can be found at MedinaEC.org/NewService or by request.
- Right-of-way** must be cleared **BEFORE** the line can be staked. The lines cannot be staked if the full 40 feet width is not cleared. This includes ground and air space.
- One week after this visit, you will receive a phone call with an estimated cost of construction for your project. Member and MEC agree on route and what easements/permits will be needed.
- When you give approval to move forward, your job will move to the construction process.

➤ CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

- A member service representative will contact you once they have prepared an invoice and easement(s) for you to sign. This can take 3-4 business days; it can take longer depending on the complexity of the easements required. Payments are not accepted until the documents are prepared and sent to you.
- Pay invoices and return signed easements to any office.
- Once construction estimate is paid and all required documents have been received, the project will be sent to construction for scheduling.
- Jobs are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Normally takes **4 to 6 weeks** from the time the job is sent to construction for it to be built. It can take longer if severe weather has impacted the area or special permits are required.
- Construction foremen will call a day or two before the job is built.
- All debris and equipment must be out of the 40 foot-wide easement where construction will take place.